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Federal monies will fund projects

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\$25,000 for tree purchases in the Westside and Morningside neighborhoods. A majority of the 125 trees will be planted along streets reconstructed with block grant funds in recent years.

Ornamental street light posts and arms will be purchased for Park Square as part of a miscellaneous \$33,000 item — replacing current modern style fixtures as the state undertakes road work in the area.

The \$1,648,000 proposed budget, which represents a 12 percent increase over last year's appropriation, also includes money for some street and sidewalk work, handicapped accessibility projects, social services and existing programs.

Specific plans include:

- \$109,817 for reconstruction of Summit Avenue, including the installation of new catch basins.

- \$100,000 for sidewalk reconstruction along 11 streets including parts of Columbus, Lincoln, Springside, Tyler, Second, Winter, Orchard, Robbins, West and West Union.

- \$35,000 to improve the current senior center location on Bradford Street as a day care site for elders needing special attention.

- \$53,225 for handicap curb cuts on Wahconah, Fenn, Lincoln and Elm streets — and possibly other locations.

- \$15,000 to rehabilitate a restroom in city hall to make it accessible.

- \$292,922 for 14 social services programs, with additional funding to be announced later this month from the city budget.

- \$323,000 for expenses related to the ongoing Capitol Theatre rehabilitation project that will be home to the new senior center.

- \$182,924 for design and landscaping activities related to the Palace Theatre project.

- \$187,775 for the acquisition and clearance of seven vacant structures including two buildings on Wahconah Street.

- \$515,000 for housing-related projects including homebuyers' assistance, relocation, rehabilitation loans and deleading grants.

- \$188,445 for small business loan programs.

- \$5,000 for a preliminary plan to improve the West Branch of the Housatonic River.

City officials are optimistic that additional federal funds will become available upon passage of a national

economic stimulus package.

Andree Tremoulet, economic development director, indicated that two public hearings will be held regarding the proposed budget and that small changes may result from the process.

City sets projects for federal funding

Pittsfield is going green in 1993-94.

The city plans to devote a large portion of its community development budget to parks and trees during the coming fiscal year.

The city's proposed community development block grant budget includes the traditional street work and building projects but also veers in a "greener direction."

Parks are slated for \$270,000 in new capital funding while a tree program involving the purchase and planting of 125 shade trees for low income neighborhoods will be funded to the tune of \$25,000.

"This is just wonderful news," said Paula Virgilio, chairman of the Parks Commission. "For so many years, we've seen other priorities in the city budget."

The parks department budget has been cut in recent years — it's currently significantly less than the extra money expected beginning July 1.

"From what I understand, this will fix parks that have been neglected for the past few years," said Virgilio, who knew funding was planned but was surprised by the size of the proposed allocation.

According to the community development plan that has been referred to a city council subcommittee for a public hearing, four playgrounds would receive attention: Pitt (off Columbus Avenue), Crow (off Winter Street), Tucker (off Linden Street) and Conte (at the school off West Union Street).

Needs and funding eligibility

Mayor Edward Reilly said that the increased money for the parks reflects a need to address a neglected sector of city property as well as federal guidelines.

"The parks need attention," said Reilly, "they've faced some tough years."

They're also eligible for federal money administered through the community development office — which many projects aren't.

"We don't have many eligible streets left," said Reilly, explaining that block grant monies are designated for low and moderate income areas, meaning the funds can only be used in certain neighborhoods.

Virgilio said that restoring parks and playgrounds contributes to the quality of life: "We see greater use and it allows people to take pride in their parks."

The planned improvements include playground renovations, field and basketball court reconstructions, landscaping, signs, picnic tables and walkways — as well as enhanced handicapped accessibility.

Continuing the emphasis on open space, the spending plan allocates

BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

- PARKS
- SHADE TREES
- STREET LAMPS
- CURB CUTS
- CAPITOL
- PALACE
- SIDEWALKS

Parks Department has summer job vacancies

The Department of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for summer programs at playgrounds, beaches and the Highland special needs playground.

Application forms may be picked up at the Department of Parks and Recreation at 874 North Street. Applications must be turned in no later than Friday, May 7.

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF PITTSFIELD PURCHASING DEPARTMENT INVITATION TO BID

The City of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, acting through its Mayor, its Purchasing Agent and its Parks Commission, will receive sealed bids for:

CONCESSION SERVICES FOR BURBANK PARK FOR THE 1993 SUMMER SEASON

Bidding procedures will be in accordance with the latest edition of M.G.L. Chapter

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30B. This bid is for the best payment to the City for said services. said bids will be addressed to the Purchasing Agent, Room 102, City Hall, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. These bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., July 29, 1993 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the specified time will not be accepted. All bids will be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "sealed bid enclosed bid #P93-057".

Attention is also called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction contract specifications set forth herein. Contracts will be awarded only upon satisfactory evidence that the successful bidder has attempted to involve minority business enterprises in the Contract. All Bidders will receive consideration without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, religion, or national origin.

Robert B. Tone, Jr., C.P.M. Purchasing Agent

July 10, 1993

The Pittsfield Gazette, July 8, 1993

Parks commission discusses Common use, playground

The Park Commission on Tuesday tabled a request to use the Common for an August 20 concert.

Kevin Zufall requested that "a few popular local bands in the Pittsfield area" be allowed to "get exposure" through a free concert at the First Street park. He explained that "the bands represent different area churches" and would sing "gospel-type lyrics."

The commissioners, concerned about disruptive noise and church services, delayed the request until a July 19 meeting while inquiries are made in the neighborhood surrounding

the park. Onota Lake and Wahconah Park were discussed as alternate sites.

The commissioners did grant a request for the use of its bleachers. Kevin Fitzpatrick of the YMCA explained that Ponterril, the Y's summer pool facility, will host this year's Western Mass Regional Swimming Championships on July 24 and 25. In the past, the championships were held at Look Park in Northampton, which no longer has pool facilities. The Y site cannot seat the expected number of fans for the event and requested to borrow the Park Department's bleachers.

The request was granted without a problem. Clifford Nilan, chairman of the board commented, "it's our business to help other agencies."

Also on Tuesday's agenda was an update on the Kids Common project. As of now, the playground equipment contains three unfinished structures. Ann Tucker, a representative from the Kids Common committee, reported that a maintenance contract was being negotiated with Dr. Play, manufacturer of the Common playground equipment, to complete towers which need caps put on.

"It's not just aesthetics," said Tucker, "there's safety involved." She said that the contract would cost \$300.

Tucker also commented on beginning a similar Kids Common project at Clapp Park on West Housatonic Street. A committee meeting will be held in early fall to "put together a schedule" for the process said Tucker. She requested that a statement outlining responsibilities between the volunteer committee, the commissioners and the city be drafted before any work on the project begins. An update will be given sometime in September.

City earmarks \$420,000 in federal funds for parks

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Some \$420,000 in federal funds is being earmarked for Pittsfield parks over the next two years in an attempt to upgrade recreational facilities that have been hit hard by budget decreases over the last several years.

At a City Hall press conference yesterday, Mayor Edward M. Reilly said the money will come from the federal Community Development Block Grant program, which this year sent \$1.2 million to Pittsfield via the Office of Community and Economic Development.

Of the \$420,000, some \$270,000

Parks due for repairs include Pitt, Tucker playground, Raymond Crow Park and the Conte School playground.

will be spent on the parks. Another \$150,000 is now being spent to upgrade the entrance to Wahconah Park, Reilly said.

The mayor also pledged to spend "a certain amount of money every year" until all the parks are once again brought "up to par."

In years past, portions of the block grant money have been used to reconstruct roads, build sidewalks, renovate the Capitol

Theater into a senior center and contribute to a wide array of other programs benefiting low- to moderate-income people or improving conditions in their neighborhoods.

Specific parks

According to Robert J. Mellace of the OCED, \$150,000 held over from last year and \$120,000 in OCED's current budget will be spent on four parks over the next

two years. Those are Pitt Park, Tucker playground off Linden Street, Raymond Crow Park on Winter Street and the playground at Conte Community School.

The improvements will include the reconstruction of the basketball courts at Pitt Park, the construction of ball fields in all four parks or playgrounds, and the design and installation of all new playground equipment and picnic areas with additional lighting,

landscaping and signage. The money will also provide handicapped accessibility features where necessary, Mellace said.

Andree Tremoulet, commissioner of the Office of Community and Economic Development, said her office is in the process of purchasing the dilapidated building at the entrance to Wahconah Park as part of an overall goal to improve its appearance.

In an effort to best determine how the federal funds for the parks will be spent, Mellace coordinated a questionnaire last November that was sent to 2,800 city residents selected at random by computer. At yesterday's meeting, Reilly revealed the results of the survey.

Not surprisingly, he said, Burbank Park is the most popular park in the city, followed by The Common, Clapp Park, Springside Park, Pontoosuc Lake Park with its nearby Sunning Beach, and Kirwin Park.

Under federal guidelines, only certain parks in the city would be eligible for improvements using

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Pittsfield maps plan to spruce up parks

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the block grant money, Reilly said. They include the playground at Morningside Community School, Raymond Crow Playground, Wilson Playground, Osceola Park and Springside Park.

While Burbank Park would not qualify for the federal funds, Reilly said that the roads leading to the facility are "an atrocity" and that the city must find the money to bring them up to standards. He estimates that the entire project could cost as much as \$500,000.

Paula Virgilio, the Board of Park Commissioners chairman who was also present at the meeting, said that 80 percent of those who responded — and 75 percent of the low-income people who returned their surveys to City Hall — said they would be willing to accept fees and charges to use some of the parks if they thought the money would be put back into park maintenance.

"We were surprised by that," she said. "We're going to look into it."

A total of 376 questionnaires were returned, which represents a response rate of 13.4 percent.

Picnicking No. 1

The five most popular recreational activities identified in the responses were picnicking, swimming, hiking, playground activities and sledding. Low-income residents who responded to the questionnaire said that

their families use the playgrounds more frequently than those who responded from other income levels.

Other highlights of the survey:

► Two out of five respondents said they wanted improved swimming facilities.

► Nearly half rated the city's recreational opportunities as excellent or good, while 15 percent rated them as poor.

► Half the respondents cited poor maintenance at the parks as a problem; 40 percent cited lack of security, and 30 percent said lack of facilities or inadequate facilities were problems.

► More than three-quarters of those who responded from the southeast section of the city said Pittsfield does not have enough parks in their neighborhood.

► More than half of those who called for new facilities specifically identified riverfronts and waterfronts as areas that should be developed for recreational use.

► Parks identified as being most in need of maintenance were those used most frequently by city residents: Burbank Park, Springside Park, Pontoosuc Park and Sunning Beach, Clapp Park, and The Common.

Contributing to this story were Susan Unsworth, Nessacus School; Jennifer Spina and Katie Towle, St. Joseph's High School, and Caitlyn Mattoon, New Lebanon (N.Y.) High School. 4-29-93

Pitt Park project set to begin soon; Petricca's gets pact

By Donna B. Mattoon
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PITTSFIELD — The renovation of Pitt Park, which will include a large wooden play structure, a skateboarding area and a rebuilt ball field, is scheduled to begin at the end of September or the first week of October.

Robert S. Mellace of the Department of Community Development said yesterday that the project was awarded to Petricca Construction Co., which came in with the low bid of \$94,770.

All the bids came in higher than anticipated, Mellace continued, prompting a request before the City Council on Tuesday for a \$25,000 transfer from the Tucker and Crow playground accounts to the Pitt Playground account within the Department of Community Development. The transfer was unanimously approved.

Mellace said the money will be replaced in the next fiscal budget. Tucker and Crow playgrounds are scheduled for similar renovations next year.

The wooden play structure similar to the attraction at the Common, will take the longest to arrive once it is ordered, Mellace continued. In the meantime, Petricca employees will work on reconstruction of the infield, construction of the skateboard area and the river walk, and the installation of picnic tables, shade trees and signs.

Mellace said the project is scheduled for completion before Thanksgiving.

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B4 — The Berkshire Eagle, Wednesday, May 5, 1993

Nilan elected to lead Pittsfield's Parks Commission

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Clifford J. Nilan, a 15-year veteran of the Park Commission, was elected chairman at the board's Monday night meeting. He replaces Paula Virgilio, who headed the panel for two years.

Nilan, in his fourth stint as chairman, said he intends to work

closely with Mayor Edward M. Reilly to achieve some changes in city parks.

"Mayor Reilly wants to make them more family-oriented, and I think that's a great idea," Nilan said. "The mayor has some good ideas. I have some ideas, too, which I want to talk over with the [park] commissioners first."

Last week, Reilly announced

that \$420,000 in federal block grant money may be spent on city parks over the next two years.

The parks must fall within the guidelines stipulated by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money will be administered by the local Office of Community and Economic Development, which focuses on low- to moderate-income

neighborhoods and helps to fund programs that serve them.

Also attending Monday's meeting was Richard A. Scapin of Gale Avenue, who was unanimously confirmed as a member of the commission by the City Council last week. Scapin replaces David L. Dickhaus. At Monday's meeting, the commission:

► Granted permission to the First Night Committee to use Wahconah Park for three outdoor concerts Saturday, July 3, with funds to benefit the organization.

► Granted Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Shops Inc. permission to use Wahconah Park on Saturday, June 5, for a fund-raising event for the Pediatric Development Center.

► Granted a request by the Housatonic River Committee, which wishes to use Pitt Playground on Saturday, July 10, to host a program and acquaint people with its organization.

► Granted a request by Pittsfield Central, which wishes to use the Dunham Mall on North Street for a promotional event Saturday, June 19.

Parks council authorizes events

Cliff Nilan was elected chairman of the parks commission Monday, succeeding Paula Virgilio, who remains on the board. The commission traditionally rotates its leader on an annual basis.

Nilan's first meeting as chair was marked by an atypical agenda filled with requests to use park facilities.

Among the events and plans approved by the commission:

- Supported in concept construction of a World War II commemorative gazebo or other structure at a city park. William Kuldate, speaking on behalf of veterans' groups, said that development of a commemorative site "would be a beautiful and appropriate addition to the community ... remembering World War II veterans and others in the community who made sacrifices."

- Approved, pending coordination of timetables, the use of Wahconah Park on July 3 for a celebrity softball game benefiting the

Fourth of July Parade Committee and Berkshire United Way; and also a series of three consecutive concerts for different age groups to be sponsored by the First Night Commission.

- Authorized use of Pitt Playground on July 10 for an environmental dance/theater presentation that is part of the celebration of the Housatonic River.

- Approved use of Wahconah Park on June 5 for a fundraiser sponsored by the Pediatric Development Center that will feature the taping of two television programs for the Nickelodeon cable network.

- Granted initial approval to the use of Dunham Mall on June 19 for a Pittsfield Central promotional event.

Not every proposal received approval, however. Confused commissioners tabled action on request of use of a park for a "dog walkathon," pending an explanation of the event's nature.

In other matters, the commission discussed ongoing problems with flower beds at Park Square which keep getting trampled. Virgilio will work with Pittsfield Beautiful to evaluate the situation.

A city council suggestion that "outdated" equipment stored in parks facilities under consideration for storage use by the Firefighting Museum of the Berkshire was rejected.

"There is nothing out there that can be auctioned," said Nilan, noting that most of the items in storage are school department property.

An update on the Kids Common project yielded news that decorative roofs planned for the top of the playground structure are ready and awaiting assembly.

Vinnie Hebert, former parks director, related a concern involving dogs that are being allowed to run loose in the playground area. Commissioners agreed that posting "no dogs allowed" signs would be wise.

All '50s weekend slated to benefit DARE program

PITTSFIELD — The Board of Park Commissioners on Monday evening gave tentative approval to an "Fabulous '50s Weekend" planned for July 30 to Aug. 1, with some of the events to take place in city parks.

John C. Marchesi, director of recreation, said the board's tentative approval was based on the expectation that the organizers will provide additional information at future meetings.

Proceeds from the weekend, which is being organized by a group that includes two Pittsfield police officers, will all go toward the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, Marchesi said.

Officer Daniel Tricerri, who with Officer James Boland is among the organizers, said a kickoff dinner-dance will take place Jan. 30 at the Mount Carmel Parish Center. Tickets for the dinner will go on sale Monday and can be obtained from the police officers or at Oasis Hair Design at the Tri-Moore Plaza, 264 West Housatonic St.

Tricerri said the summer weekend will feature a continuous variety of events, all with a 1950s theme. For example, there will be a record hop, a carnival for children and a car show, which will showcase custom cars from the '50s that are coming from all over the Northeast.

The events will take place at the Common, Park Square and at various North Street locations. Tricerri said the carnival is tentatively scheduled to be in Park Square, where children played in the 1950s.

If all goes well, the "Fabulous '50s Weekend" may become an annual event in Pittsfield, Tricerri said.

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'It would be so wonderful to have a place to skateboard.'

Pitt Park improvements planned

By Donna B. Mattoon
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PITTSFIELD — Like the happy winners of a shopping spree, four neighbors of Pitt Park began finding ways last night to spend \$85,000 for new equipment and improvements to the beleaguered park, which is scheduled for a complete overhaul this autumn.

The federal money — part of \$420,000 that will be spent over the next two years on city parks — is being filtered through the Office of Community and Economic Development, which sponsored the first neighborhood meeting on

the park last night.

With Architect Robert B. Macintosh of Bradley Architects leading the way, OCED officials began offering suggestions such as a large wooden play structure for youngsters, much like the new attraction at the refurbished First Street Common, and even a paved surface for skateboarding.

"Oh God," sighed Barbara Hanger of Dewey Avenue, one of the neighbors working toward park improvements. "It would be so wonderful to have a place to skateboard."

"Beautiful," agreed James L. Williams, another neighbor.

In all, the group put together a wish list of several items that will appeal to people of all ages. In addition to the play structure and skateboard rink, the group wants a reconstructed ball field, a horseshoe pit, grills, benches, picnic tables, signs, fencing and mature trees to provide shade for children on sunny days.

Working with the group was Ward 6 City Councilor James M. Boyle and Andree Tremoulet, director of the Department of Community Development.

To Robert S. Mellace, a community

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Eagles Band reviving lake concert series

PITTSFIELD — The Eagles Band, the official band of the city of Pittsfield, will revive the outdoor band concert tradition at Onota Lake's Burbank Park this summer.

The first Concert in the Park series will be held on three consecutive Sundays: July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 15.

Concerts will take place on the lawn between the Controy Pavilion and the new beach house. Admission is free, and concertgoers have been asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The Eagles Band is conducted by Lyndon Moors, who holds a bachelor's degree in music from Boston University and teaches instrumental music at Mount Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown.

Series sponsors

This summer's concert series is sponsored in part by Pittsfield GE Employees Credit Union, Country Curtains and the Recording Industry's Music Performance Trust Funds, in cooperation with American Federation of Musicians Local 109.

The band is celebrating its 57th season, having been formed in Pittsfield in 1936. The Eagles draw membership from local professional musicians, as well as amateur adult and student musicians. The band is also the ceremonial band for Williams College, and has recently become a non-profit corporation.

Neighbors make suggestions for Pitt Park improvements

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development specialist for OCED and manager of the Pitt Park project, the list seems both reasonable and economically feasible.

In the next month or so, Mellace and Macintosh will begin putting estimates next to the list of recommendations. After the final neighborhood meeting in June, bids will be advertised and contracts awarded so that construction can begin in September.

While the neighbors were clearly delighted with the impending improvements to the park, which fronts on Columbus Avenue and John Street, a good portion of the meeting was spent talking about the problems at Pitt. To Hanger, watching the park's degeneration has been particularly painful, since she was born and raised in the neighborhood and has spent time in the park since she was a baby.

Indeed, she is still taking her children and grandchildren there, though the experience is not always pleasant, she said. Nonetheless, she holds her ground and will not leave the

park when bothered by others.

"This is my home and this is my park," she recalls saying to people who have given her trouble. "I know everyone around here, and you don't belong to anyone."

According to Hanger, drugs are bought and sold openly at Pitt, and the park is an easy target for vandals.

Another neighbor, Leroy Jones of Circular Avenue, said the texture of the neighborhood has been altered in recent years by an influx of people from other cities.

The group appeared to come to the conclusion that making significant

improvements to Pitt Park may be the key to luring families back and making the park the heart of the neighborhood again.

Clifford J. Nilan, chairman of the Park Commission, promised that his organization would do whatever it could to encourage regular policing of the park and provide maintenance and equipment.

"There is nothing more that all of us want than to let people like you use the park," he said.

5-14-93

Law sought to keep city-owned vehicles in city overnight

The fine schedule starts over with each subsequent year.

The Council also unanimously agreed to request that the commissioner of public works and the Parks Department be asked to extend the fence at the rear of the First Street Common in an effort to hamper shoplifters who run with merchandise from Mazzeo's Market and escape into the park.

The petition was submitted by Ward 4 City Councilor Ben J. Kaplan, who said there is a great deal of pedestrian traffic through private residences on Crosby Place — at the rear of the Common — and that the pedestrians appear to be responsible for vandalism to the houses and thefts at Mazzeo's.

Obituaries

Roger B. Sloper dies at 71; served on Park Commission

PITTSFIELD — Roger B. Sloper, 71, of 24 Upland Road, former owner of C.W. Sloper & Sons and a longtime member of the Park Commission, died yesterday at Berkshire Medical Center.

Born in Pittsfield on Aug. 27, 1921, son of Archibald K. and Alice T. Dodge Sloper, he graduated from Pittsfield High School. He served in the Coast Guard from 1942-46 as a gunner's mate on the USS Kirkpatrick and saw service in the European and Pacific theaters during World War II.

Mr. Sloper had operated the family insurance and real estate agency, which was named for his grandfather, Charles W. Sloper, for 40 years. After he retired in 1980 because of poor health, he sold the business to Stevenson & Co.

He had been on the Park Commission since being appointed in 1973 by Mayor Donald G. Butler and served stints as its chairman for 1974-75, 1978-79, 1983-84 and 1988-89. He was also past president of the Berkshire County Board of Realtors, Pittsfield Independent Insurance Agents and the Lions Club, past chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee and former member of the city's Master Plan Steering Committee.

A member of the Mount Greylock Ski Club, Mr. Sloper had been a race official and timer for many ski competitions. He also had enjoyed boating on Lake Champlain and the Hudson River.

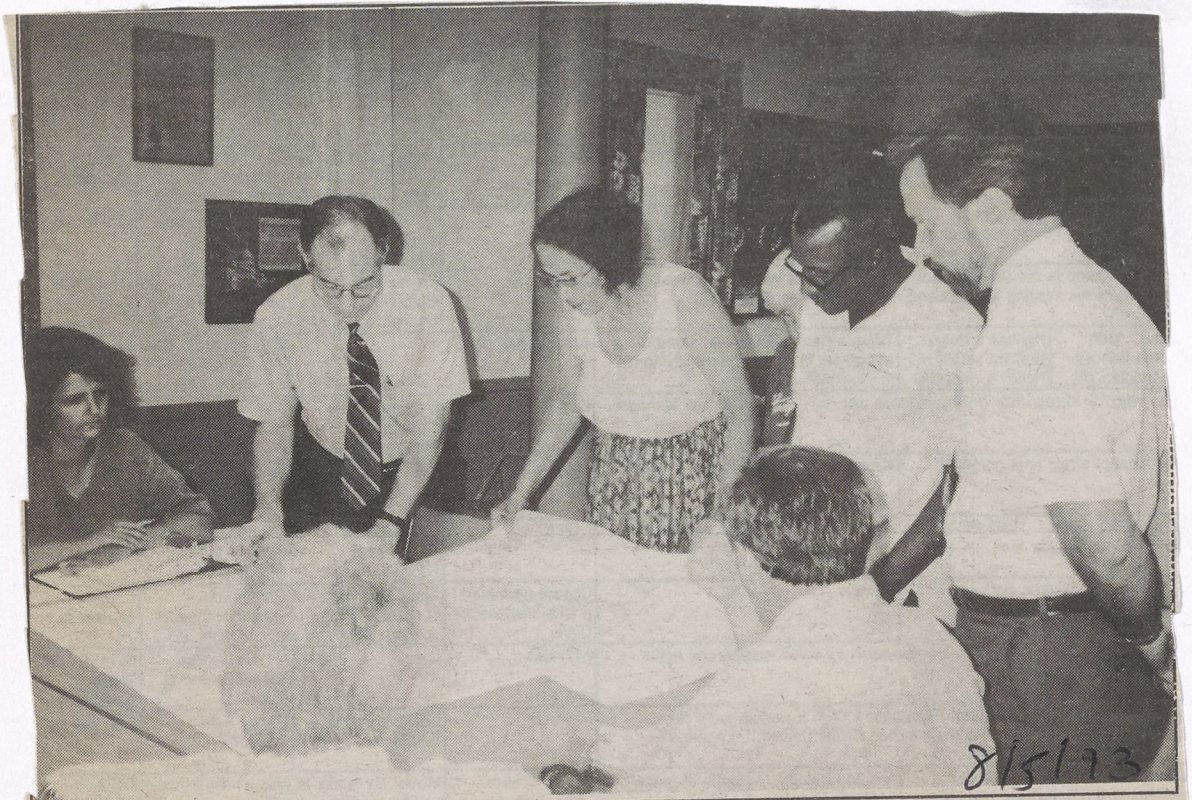
He leaves his wife, the former

Mildred R. Crawford, whom he married June 10, 1948; a son, Edward N. Sloper of Pittsfield; a daughter, Mrs. Pamela D. Ferrigno of Southwick; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn MacLeod of Belfast, Maine, and Mrs. Lucia Goulden of Las Cruces, N.M., and four grandchildren.

There will be no funeral or calling hours.

Following cremation, burial will be in Pittsfield Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mount Greylock Ski Club in care of Wellington Funeral Home.



Final plans for the revitalization of Pitt Park were approved at Monday's parks commission meeting. Among those active in the project was Barbara Hanger, center, who is running for the city council.

Environmental police probing para-sail accident

By Donna B. Mattoon
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PITTSFIELD — The state environmental police are investigating the weekend accident at Onota Lake near the Controy Pavilion, where some picnickers were injured when a man with a para-sail veered off course and collided with the group.

Clifford J. Nilan, chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, said yesterday that his group and the Conservation Commission will most likely meet once the report of the incident is filed by the environmental police.

"At that point, we'll see if there is anything we can do to alleviate a problem," Nilan said.

Michael J. Makes, chairman of the Conservation Commission — which has authority over the lake — agreed that the environmental police have jurisdiction over boating activities on Onota.

Like Nilan, Makes said that his organization will make whatever adjustments "the parks and the Conservation Commission need to make. But at this point, I don't know if we need to change any-

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Environmental police probe para-sail mishap

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thing." Makes said the incident will be discussed at the Conservation Commission's next meeting on July 22.

Meanwhile, Ward 7 City Councilor Joseph O. Guzzo yesterday expressed concern over the incident. Since the lake is in his ward, Guzzo said he would be willing to work with other city officials to see if use of the lake must be changed in some way to ensure the safety of those using the area.

Efforts to reach environmental police officials in the state's western regional office in Northampton yesterday were unsuccessful.

At issue is an accident that occurred late Sunday afternoon when a para-sailer being pulled behind a boat caught the wind, veered to the left, and crashed into a group of adults and children who were celebrating a family gathering at the Controy Pavilion.

Barbara Hanger, who was a member of the group the para-sailer crashed into, questioned the advisability of having boats

and swimmers in the same vicinity.

Joseph Carusotto of Crown Street, who was operating the boat when the incident took place, said yesterday that he has anticipated an accident in the area for years. According to Carusotto, the boating and swimming areas near the Controy Pavilion are not marked by ropes or designated in other ways. Thus, he said, "The swimmers don't know where to swim, and the boaters don't know where to put their boats."

Rope-related injuries

When the para-sailer caught the wind and veered into the group, the "chute" or para-sail became entangled in the group. One child was pulled from his father's arms, another suffered rope burns and other injuries, and a third child was held overnight at Berkshire Medical Center as a result of the accident.

Yesterday, Hanger said, the incident was still traumatic.

"What if that child had become airborne and was dropped in the water?" she asked. 7-8-93

Council decries Lakeway conditions

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of his own car on the road and jolted a canoe he was carrying on top, nonetheless said that the road could only get fixed at the expense of other DPW projects in the city. That portion of Lakeway Drive is an unaccepted street.

Forestell also said there appeared to be no way to handle the job in a timely fashion since the magnitude of the project would require him to put it out to bid. Under those circumstances, any work could not be started before the end of the summer season, he said.

Forestell also rejected a suggestion offered by Ward 2 City Councilor Timothy J. DiSilva that the project be undertaken by the city in smaller sections, to circumvent the lengthy bidding process.

"That's illegal," Forestell said.

Past performances

That prompted Councilor at large Gerald S. Doyle Jr. to observe that other projects were accomplished in that fashion in the past.

"It's amazing how we got things done before," Doyle said.

In any event, Stracuzzi called the road "a disaster," saying it is the source of many irate phone calls from people who use it. Ward 7 City Councilor Joseph O. Guzzo called the road a "nuisance and a disgrace."

"Many of us have concluded that this has to be done, but it's July 13 and nothing has been done yet," Stracuzzi said.

He said he did not know how much the project would cost, but requested that Reilly try to find the money.

Boyle also agreed that the city had promised the public for years to repair the road.

"It's the middle of July," he said. "We need to get this done."

Barbara Hanger of Dewey Avenue, who is running for the Ward 6 City Council seat, asked the City Council a month ago to address the road.

"Citizens bringing boats to the boat ramp have great difficulty doing so because of the condition of the road," she said at the time.

At Tuesday's meeting, Guzzo asked that the Board of Park Commissioners open the boat-house at Pontoosuc Lake so that swimmers can use the bathroom facilities.

Boyle agreed, saying he was somewhat embarrassed last weekend to be at the lake and observe several elderly women looking in vain for an open bathroom.



Craig F. Walker / Berkshire Eagle Staff

One city councilor termed this section of Lakeway Drive a 'nuisance and a disgrace.'

Lack of city funding expected to leave Lakeway potholes unfilled

By Donna B. Mattoon
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PITTSFIELD — A request for a \$65,000 appropriation to repave the bumpy and deteriorating entryway to Burbank Park on Onota Lake was placed on Mayor Edward M. Reilly's desk yesterday, but it will probably go unfulfilled for lack of city funds.

"I'd love to do it," Reilly said, referring to the stretch of road that is marked by one pothole or bump after another.

"But there is no money in the budget for this."

The issue of resurfacing the Lakeway Drive extension came up at the tail end of the City Council meeting Tuesday night, with a petition submitted by Councilor at large Angelo C. Stracuzzi and Ward 6 City Councilor James M. Boyle.

Human resources also short

The issue also served to highlight the city's limited resources, not only in terms of extra cash for such luxuries as the repaving of unaccepted roads, but also its lack of appropriate equipment and enough employees to do the job.

Department of Public Works Commissioner William L. Forestell, who acknowledged he has scraped the bottom

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Councilors: Parkland is no place for jail

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — If the sheriff and County Commissioners ultimately select the Valentine Road site as the location for the new jail and boot camp, it does not seem likely that the City Council will endorse the sale of the land.

"I personally would not want to sell it," said City Council President Joseph W. Ryan Jr., referring to city-owned property south of the Lakeway Drive intersection

that emerged as the third choice of five on a list of sites forwarded to Mayor Edward M. Reilly.

"My concern is not the location as much as it is the precedent of selling lake-front parkland for a jail site," Ryan continued. "I don't think that is a valid use for that kind of community property."

In the long run, Ryan does not believe the situation would ever surface. With two other sites ranked above Valentine Road, Ryan believes it unlikely that the

City Council would ever be faced with dealing with its potential sale to the state.

In addition, such a sale would be extremely complex.

Though Ryan said he is not exactly sure of the details, selling parkland — even to the state — would probably require an act of the Legislature as well as two-thirds approval of the City Council.

"I am merely expressing my position that I don't believe this

is the best use for parkland," he said.

Owned by city

Out of the five sites included in the report filed by the Jail Site Evaluation Committee, only the Valentine Road property is owned by the city of Pittsfield. Thus, it is the only site that the city councilors would have any control over, Ryan said.

Ward 3 City Council Thomas E. Hickey Jr., who said he had al-

ways understood that the state could place the facility anywhere in the city it chooses, said he would prefer to get the facts before taking a stand.

Councilor at large Peter G. Arlos yesterday termed Ryan's position irresponsible and tardy. If the City Council president opposed the Valentine Road land for use as a future jail site, he should have said so at Tuesday's

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Councilors oppose sale of parkland for jail site

■ JAIL, from A1

City Council meeting, Arlos said.

For the record, Councilor at large Angelo C. Stracuzzi said he would also "have a hard time voting to sell the land." But Stracuzzi believes that idle speculation about possible City Council action on the Valentine Road site is unnecessary.

"My gut feeling is that it will never get to us," he said.

Petricca site praised

In Stracuzzi's opinion, the committee's top choice, Petricca land on Cheshire Road, is the ideal site for the \$25 million jail and boot camp.

"It would be on a main road, but it would not generate the kind of traffic that a retail complex would cause," he said. "Plus, it comes with an amazing 25-acre buffer zone," Stracuzzi said, referring to the Petricca pledge to include the extra acreage if their land is bought by the state. "Normally, this kind of thing doesn't happen," he said.

Ryan and Stracuzzi are not alone in opposing the Valentine Road site for a correctional facility. Ward 4 City Councilor Ben J. Kaplan announced at the meeting that he would be uncomfortable about the sale if it ever came before the City Council. Ward 5 City Councilor Francis B. Marinaro called the property "a pristine piece of land that I would hate to give up." Ward 7 City Councilor Joseph O. Guzzo was more emphatic.

"There's no way, shape or form that I would ever support the Valentine Road site," he said.

Ward 6 City Councilor James M. Boyle, who has opposed the site since it was first considered by the Jail Site Evaluation Commit-

tee, and Ward 1 City Councilor Paul M. Dowd both voted against keeping the Valentine Road site in the report that was sent to the County Commissioners.

Yesterday, after hearing that several of his colleagues are now stating their opposition to using the land for a jail, Arlos wondered aloud why they did not publicly vote not to endorse the Jail Site Evaluation Committee's report when they had the opportunity to do so.

"If they felt that way, they shouldn't have voted for it," he said. "Why play games?"

On a 9-2 vote, the City Council voted on Tuesday to forward the Jail Site Evaluation Committee's full report to the sheriff and

County Commissioners without changing the contents in any way.

On Tuesday, Berkshire County Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano said he approved of the top three sites, calling each one "workable." The sheriff was unavailable for comment yesterday. But others said it would be unwise for anyone involved in the final selection to state a preference for a site because the state would then lose its leverage when negotiating the sale price.

In any event, Ryan said that he had no intention of amending the Jail Site Evaluation Committee's report since they had worked long and hard to produce it, and had gone at the job with a different perspective than what a city councilor would use to evaluate the property.

Guzzo agreed.

"I saw no reason not to accept their report," he said.

7-16-93

Commission OK's plan to bring Pitt Park back

By D.R. Bahlman
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — The Park Commission last night unanimously approved final plans for the revitalization of Pitt Park.

The approval came after the commission, in consultation with Robert S. Mellace of the city's Department of Community Development, Jack A. Barbara of Bradley Architects Inc. and several neighbors of the park, agreed on a number of minor changes, including the removal of several cooking grills.

A massive play structure will be one of the most visible improvements to the John Street park, which is to benefit from an \$85,000 portion of \$420,000 in federal funds earmarked for use in city parks. Plans for Pitt also call for rebuilding the ballpark, constructing an area for skateboarding and planting mature shade trees.

Mellace told the commission that the plans have been reviewed by the Conservation Commission and advocates for people with disabilities. An order of conditions from the Conservation Commission was required because the entire park is in a flood plain.

A request for bids on the job will be published Aug. 9 with a due date of Aug. 23, and Mellace said he hopes that work can begin in early September.

Estimated to cost \$35,000, the 70-by-70-foot wood and metal play area is the most expensive feature of the plan, and will consume almost half the budget.

Mellace said he hopes that the play area can be ordered as soon as a contractor is selected because the delivery time is six to eight weeks.

Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan praised Mellace, Bradley Architects and neighbors for their work in advancing the plan.

Also last night, the commission agreed to work with Pittsfield Beautiful, a local group of volunteers, on investigating the possibility of replacing the flower beds at the four entrances to Park Square with planters. Arlia "Tommie" Bailey of Pittsfield Beautiful, said she thinks that flowers would be more visible in planters.

The commission also agreed to write a letter of protest to the

At the plan's heart is a 70-by-70-foot wood and metal play area.

Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee. Commission member Richard Scapin said that he saw litter in the parking lot of Wahconah Park following the visit of several drum and bugle corps last month. The restrooms at the park also were "a mess," said Scapin. Part of the proceeds from the drum and bugle events went to benefit the parade committee.

Nilan proposed, and Scapin agreed, that the commission should obtain specific details about the condition of the park before sending the letter.

Volunteers needed to build ice-skating rink at Common

By Gae Elfenbein
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Unless a volunteer effort comes to the rescue, there will be no ice skating on the Pittsfield Common during this week's school vacation — or thereafter.

Until Christmas Eve, the weather was not cold enough for a skating rink to be built anyway, Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan said last night. But now that the cold is here, the department has another problem — lack of funds.

For skating to take place, a rink with a proper base has to be constructed, and, Nilan said, "We just do not have enough money to pay people to do it right."

In order to "get ice without lumps," Nilan said, a number of people have to be willing to put in some time holding hoses and freezing layer on layer of water.

"It's not as easy as you would think," he said. It is a slow process and until recently, was usually done at night, he said.

Last year, the Pittsfield Fire Department sprayed the Common to create a rink and Nilan is hopeful that a similar arrangement can be worked out this year.

"They've always been very agreeable to help us out," he said.

The call for volunteers goes out to other residents as well.

In the hope that volunteers will call the department, Nilan said he had employees plow the Common off First Street just in case.

Now that the cold weather is here, Nilan said, "If we can come up with people willing to help us out, we can get the base down."

Further, he said, "If we could get enough help, we could do Clapp Park, too." 12-27-93

Pittsfield's egg hunt is tomorrow

PITTSFIELD — The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Exchange Club have announced that the annual Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday at the Boys' and Girls' Club on Melville Street at 3 p.m.

Again this year, Price Chopper and the Exchange Club have donated plastic eggs and jellybeans. The event is open to Pittsfield residents in four age groups: 2-year-olds and younger; 3- and 4-year-olds; 5 and 6, and 7 to 9.

Prizes donated

Prizes have been donated by Bradlees, Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Shops, Price Chopper and Dick George, owner of Burger King, who has donated 100 gift certificates.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group for children finding the largest, smallest, golden, silver and black eggs. Children are asked to bring their own bags or baskets. Parents are urged to have their children at the club before 3 p.m.

More information can be obtained by calling the Department of Parks and Recreation.

4-9-93

Beware parents hunting eggs

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

The Exchange Club and the Parks and Recreation Department again deserve a thank you for their time and efforts in sponsoring the egg hunt at the Boys' and Girls' Club [Eagle, April 11].

My discontent was with the parents. I have never seen such immaturity and lack of respect. The parents of children in each age group, except for the age 2-and-under group, were asked to sit on the bleachers or stand back from the egg area. I have a 2-year-old and a 4-year-old. This was my experience: with the 2-year-old group, I found parents scooping up eggs by the armfuls. As for my 4-year-old, he couldn't even get to the egg area to find the eggs because parents blocked the area and some followed their children into the egg area. Do people really think that children should be trampled by parents for plastic eggs filled with jelly beans. I think not!

Maybe the Exchange Club and the Parks and Recreation Department could hold an egg hunt for parents the day before to give parents a chance to get their egg-hunting desires out of their systems. Let parents show a little respect for their own children and the other children participating. Fun should be had by all.

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29 Crane Ave.

Pittsfield, April 12, 1993

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A cracking good time

By Lisi de Bourbon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD— They came, they saw and they conquered the Easter eggs at the Boys' and Girls' Club yesterday without much of a search.

Pushed up against an imaginary starting line inside the hockey rink, a throng of 7-, 8- and 9-year-olds waited to delve into an ocean of fluorescent plastic eggs — like the bulls waiting to make their run at Pamplona.

And when referee Joseph Murphy, president of the Exchange Club, finished his countdown, he leapt out of the path of the stampede of squealing youngsters who charged at the

eggs, sweeping them up within two minutes.

"If they could go in and clean up their rooms that fast..." said one mother, once the egg rush was over.

Because of the rainy weather, yesterday's Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Exchange Club, was held inside for the first time in its 40-year history. The alternative was to cancel.

"It's always over in a minute, and you always have a million kids," said Jack Carroll, a parks department security supervisor who has worked at the Easter egg hunt for

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Egg hunt is brief stampede

■ EGGS, from B1

the past 24 years.

Carroll also said that this year is the first in which parents of the older children were asked to sit on the bench.

Parents seated on bleachers behind plexiglass tried to get shots of their running offspring with conventional cameras. One had a video camera.

Without stalks of grass and pockets of mud for camouflage, organizers of the hunt were relegated to spreading the copious numbers of eggs among the club's two gymnasiums, hockey rink and a lobby.

"It took 25 of us two hours to fill 10,000 eggs last Tuesday," Murphy said, "We had more jelly beans than eggs."

Candy donated

Once again, this year Price Chopper and the Exchange Club donated the plastic eggs and the jelly beans. Murphy said Burger King provided the coupons some children found in their eggs.

Prizes such as stuffed animals and spongy footballs were awarded to those hunters who found eggs containing golden, silver and black eggs. The prizes were donated by Price Chopper, Bradlees, Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Shops and Berkshire County Savings Bank.

Instead of combining the children, whose ages ranged between 2 and 9, in one space, they were quartered into age groups and sent off to the appropriate hunting ground.

"There must have been 2,000

people in there, that would be my guess," said Peter Bell, assistant executive director of the club.

"It's a bigger crowd than they've ever had. We can make it work a lot better next year by doing two groups in the morning and two in the afternoon."

Two Pittsfield Police officers, two Civil Defense auxiliary police officers and two parks department security officers were on hand to monitor the flow of people.

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Pittsfield Park Department lists Easter egg hunt winners

Ages 3 and 4:

- Finder of the Golden Egg, Travis Harrington, 110 Wahconah St.
- Finder of the Black Egg, Jacqueline Lee, Blotz Road.
- Finder of the Silver Egg, Richard Scalise, 44 Grace Terrace.
- Finder of the Largest Egg, Chris Harrington, 20 Wallace Place.
- Finder of the Smallest Egg, Nicholas Kellar, 40 Longfellow Ave.

Ages 5 and 6:

- Finder of the Golden Egg, Lindsay Roucoulet, 270 Linden St.
- Finder of the Black Egg, Anthony Granato, 55 Noblehurst Ave.
- Finder of the Silver Egg, Jeffrey Roucoulet, 270 Linden St.
- Finder of the Largest Egg, Jennifer Nicholson, 111 Ridge Ave.
- Finder of the Smallest Egg, Emily Ann Bates, 81 Dickinson Ave.

Ages 7-9:

- Finder of the Golden Egg, Nicholas Trumble, 255 Circular Ave., Apt. 7.
- Finder of the Black Egg, Howard Marshall, 208 Velma Ave.
- Finder of the Silver Egg, Jamie Ulrich, 203 Springside Ave.
- Finder of the Largest Egg, Kim Ketchum, 24 Cherry St.
- Finder of the Smallest Egg, Shaun Bessette, South Mountain Road.

Pittsfield's trick or treat set for Oct. 28

PITTSFIELD — Trick or treat will be held in Pittsfield Thursday, Oct. 28, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., the Department of Parks and Recreation announced yesterday.

In addition, the 49th annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29, beginning at 7 p.m. The rain date for the parade is Saturday, Oct. 30, also beginning at 7 p.m., the department said.

10-6-93

Meeting scheduled on Halloween Parade

PITTSFIELD — The Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its second organizational meeting for the 49th annual Halloween Parade, which is being co-sponsored by the Sons of Italy.

The meeting will be Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North St. Any group willing to participate must have a representative present at the meeting, a Parks Department announcement said.

Any groups interested in further information but unable to send a representative to this meeting may call the Recreation Department at 499-9343. There is still time to enter floats, band or marching units in the parade, the announcement said.

The parade will be Friday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, Oct. 30.

10-2-93

The egg story

What happens when more than one thousand children gather for an indoor Easter Egg Hunt?

In Pittsfield this past weekend, the answer was that a lot of parents ended up, figuratively, with egg on their faces.

Most of the kids were well-behaved. Some parents, on the other hand, taught their youngsters pretty lousy lessons.

Here's what happened: For the first time in 40 years, the city's Easter event was moved inside, to the Boys' and Girls' Club.

The change of location wasn't unexpected. Wet conditions at the beginning of the week made the decision essential.

The event organizers — volunteers from the Parks Department, the Boys' and Girls' Club and the Exchange Club — valiantly made preparations for the inevitable chaos. Ten thousand plastic eggs were stuffed with jelly beans with special prize eggs also prepared.

The eggs were laid out on the floor in four locations at the club: the main gym, the hockey rink, the smaller gym and main lobby area.

The children were then led to the four areas, divided by age. Unfortunately, the volunteers were unprepared for the large numbers. Apparently parents had nothing else to do with their energetic youngsters on a rainy Saturday.

In the larger areas, things went rather well. The kids were spirited but many demonstrated good sportsmanship.

Unfortunately, in the smaller spaces, bedlam evolved. The difference wasn't just the size of the areas — some parents also ignored organizers' instructions to stay clear of the action.

Most notably in the small gymnasium, a contingent of parents violated the rules and scurried along with their kids. Heaven forbid that junior ends up with less eggs than the kid to his left.

Some youngsters were bumped or otherwise intimidated by the covetous adults, angering other parents.

Fortunately, the volunteers were prepared with extra eggs at the exit for children who didn't get eggs. A police officer assisted with the distribution by the door.

Nonetheless, one couldn't help but feel for both upset parent and helpless volunteer when one overheard this comment: "My child got trampled out there! I thought this was for the kids only."

The very concept of an Easter Egg Hunt stresses greed but parents should try to set a better example.

Next year, if the hunt is indoors, organizers would be well advised to stagger the start times by age group to ensure enough supervision — including of the parents.

4-15-93

FRIDAY, OCT. 29

Storytime. Children's Room, Either/Or Bookstore, 122 North St. 10:30 a.m. Free.

Film Series. "Alistair Cooke's America: Domesticating a Wilderness." Clark Art Institute, Williamstown. 1 p.m. Also Sun. at 4 p.m. Free.

Haunted Theatre Tours. BPT, 6 - 9 p.m. \$3. 445-4634.

Halloween Parade. East Street/Park Square to Wahconah Park. 7 p.m. Raindate: Oct. 30.

Spooky Halloween Party. Berkshire Museum, 7-9 p.m. Adults \$1, children 50¢.

Theater. "Park Your Car in Harvard Yard." Lenox Town Hall. 8 p.m. \$12 - \$15. 528-2309.

Theater. "Dracula." Berkshire Farm Center, Rte. 22, Canaan, N.Y. 8 p.m. \$8. (518) 794-9102.

Halloween Bash. Fundraiser for D.A.R.E. Berkshire Hills Country Club, Benedict Rd. 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. \$5. 499-6040.

10-28-93

Girls Inc. lists Halloween winners

PITTSFIELD — Girls Inc. has announced the winners of its annual Halloween party on Oct. 26.

The party was attended by 92 children who dressed in a variety of costumes, an announcement from the club said. The "Grand March" is the kickoff for the events of the evening and includes the costume judging.

The winners were as follows: Most Like Halloween — Fawn Adams, dressed as a witch; Most Original — Amanda Hunt, dressed as a dice; Scariest — Nicholas Zelinsky, dressed as a werewolf; Funniest — Amy Patterson, dressed as a clown; Prettiest — Nikki Martin, dressed as a princess.

The center co-sponsors the party annually for members and non-members with the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation.

11-5-93

Planning meeting is slated Monday for Halloween parade

PITTSFIELD — The Department of Parks & Recreation has announced that the first organizational meeting for the Halloween parade has been set for Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North St.

Local organizations have been invited to attend the meeting if they plan to enter a float, band or marching unit in the parade.

All entries must have a Halloween-related theme and any group wishing to participate should have a representative at the meeting, according to an announcement from the department.

Groups interested in further information may call the department at 499-9343.

The 49th annual Halloween pa-

rade will be held Friday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m., with a rain date of Oct. 30.

City trick or treat night set for October 28

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation department has designated Thursday, October 28 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. as the city's official Halloween trick or treat night.

Plans are also proceeding for the annual Halloween parade on Friday, October 29 at 7 p.m. Raindate for the parade is Saturday, October 30.

The Parks Commission cancelled its regularly scheduled meeting this past Monday; no make-up date was announced. 10-7-93

Final meeting planned for Halloween parade

PITTSFIELD — The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced it will hold its final meeting for the 49th annual Halloween parade tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be at the Springside House, 874 North St., for floats, bands and marching units.

This is the last chance to enter the parade, and any group participating must have a representative present for final instructions, the announcement said. Those unable to attend may contact the recreation office at 499-9343.

The parade will be Friday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 30. 10-19-93

Boys' and Girls' Club to hold Halloween party

PITTSFIELD — The Boys' and Girls' Club will hold its annual Halloween party Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This year's party will have a carnival theme, and it will once again be co-sponsored by the Pittsfield Parks Department.

There will be costume judging, games and prizes. Treats will be handed out to those who attend.

Any club member between the ages of 6-12 has been invited but must wear a costume to attend.

Tickets are 75 cents in addition to a \$2 club membership. Tickets and memberships may be purchased in advance at the club or at the door. 10-20-93

Celebrating Halloween

Alford	Hayride	Saturday 6:30
Becket	Trick or Treat	Sunday 5-7
Cheshire	Trick or Treat	Sunday 5:30-7
Dalton	Events already held	
Great Barrington	Trick or Treat	Sunday 6-8
Hancock	Trick or Treat	Sunday 5:30-7:30
Hinsdale	Trick or Treat	Thursday 5:30-7
Housatonic	Trick or Treat	Sunday 6-8
Lanesboro	Trick or Treat	Sunday 5-7:30
Lee	Trick or Treat	Saturday 5-7
Lenox	Trick or Treat	Sunday 5:30-7
Pittsfield	Trick or Treat	Thursday 5:30-7
Pittsfield	Parade	Friday 7
Richmond	Trick or Treat	Thursday 5:30-7
Savoy	Trick or Treat	Friday 6-7:30
Sheffield	Trick or Treat	Saturday 4-6:30
W. Stockbridge	Trick or Treat	Sunday 4-6
Williamstown	Trick or Treat	Sunday 5:30-7

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Halloween is coming

Trick or treat in Pittsfield will be held Thursday from 5:30 to 7. The city's 49th annual Halloween parade is scheduled for Friday beginning at 7. The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 30, also beginning at 7. Above is a listing of all Berkshire County cities and towns that are holding Halloween activities this year, based on information provided to The Eagle by local officials. 10/25/93



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Parade plans nearly set for Halloween '93

Plans for the city's 49th annual Halloween Parade are proceeding, with the event set for Friday, October 29 at 7 p.m.

"This parade is always for the kids," said parks director John Marchesi, who oversees the effort.

Though the size of the parade has been sharply reduced in recent years, Marchesi said the tentative line-up this year includes three bands, seven floats and 13 marching units.

While much smaller and less polished than the city's big annual Fourth of July Parade, the youth-oriented Halloween event remains popular with local elementary schools.

"Everybody loves it," said John Quallen, one of the organizers behind the joint Allendale School/Altresco float. "There's a lot of spirit with this and the kids get involved, helping to make the float."

The Allendale float, "Christmas in Transylvania," will be escorted by 150 young marchers.

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Balloon vendor 'busted' for disturbance at parade

By Gina Gold
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — A balloon vendor's hopes of scoring big sales at the Halloween Parade were deflated Friday night when police arrested him for creating a disturbance.

Police said Peter C. Pascladies, 30, of Pawtucket, R.I., was handcuffed and hauled into the police station amidst a bunch of his bobbing balloons, after allegedly screaming at an officer and taunting a crowd on North Street.

Pascladies appeared in District Court yesterday morning, where he had a charge of being a disorderly person continued without a finding for six months. Judge Alfred A. Barbalunga ordered him to pay \$100 in court costs and a \$30 victim-witness fee.

Detective Peter T. McGuire said that on Friday at about 7 p.m., Officer Mark Bushey told Pascladies and other vendors to leave North Street because they lacked proper permits. Pascladies reportedly ignored Bushey's orders twice before screaming at the officer and involving the crowd around him. The incident took place near the corner of Union Street.

McGuire said watching the salesman maneuver his way into the station was "quite a sight": The vendor could barely be seen amidst the bouquet of 30 some-odd balloons. Pascladies was also wrestling with a cart loaded with other inflatable toys, the detective said.

"Several balloons were busted along with the defendant," McGuire said. "The rest were given back to him when he was released."

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Halloween parade is an event intended 'for the kids'



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Wende Ferriter said that Highland School will also shine in this year's event. In addition to a group of marchers, the school will unveil its "Monster Wedding" float, with fog, strobe, black lights and a coffin.

"It's a fun event," said Ferriter. Student marchers will wear grave-stone costumes.

The Berkshire Giant Pumpkin Growers Association will be represented with two floats, one decorated with genuine pumpkins and the prince and princess from Pumpkinfest '93, and the other featuring "Joe Pumpkin," a giant crea-

tion who speaks to youngsters.

The parade organizes on East Street, beginning at Park Square and proceeding on North Street to Wahconah Park, where student marchers get on buses that take them back to their schools.

Marchesi said the event depends on volunteers and donations from organizations. The Sons of Italy are co-sponsoring this year's event with the parks department. Numerous businesses have donated garage space and trucks for floats.

Sheriff Carmen Massimiano is grand marshal and deputy sheriffs will march with each unit.

The final lineup will not be determined until the beginning of the week but the tentative roster features:

- Pittsfield Police
- Parks and Recreation Department vehicle
- VFW Color Guard
- Grand Marshall
- House of Corrections float
- Fire Department (with Sparky)
- PHS band
- PHS marchers
- Winter Sports queen
- Eagles Band
- Divers of Western New England float
- Divers of WNE marchers

- WBEC van
 - Allendale School/Altresco float
 - Allendale marchers
 - Options for Youth marchers
 - Lee High School band
 - Giant Pumpkin Growers floats
 - Giant Pumpkin marchers
 - Boys and Girls Club marchers
 - Highland School float
 - Highland School marchers
 - Kittredge School marchers
 - High Point School marchers
 - WUPE van
 - Williams School marchers
- Several other floats and groups had not been confirmed at press time. Raindate is Saturday, Oct. 30.

Halloween costume winners announced by Parks Dept.

PITTSFIELD — The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the costume prize winners in the 49th annual Halloween parade.

The following are the winners:

Kristal Buckley, 55 Westminster St., Allendale School, kindergarten; Jaclyn Cimini, 21 Windsor Ave., Allendale, Grade 5; Cody Collins, 135 Benedict Road, Allendale, Grade 1; Dustin Collins, 135 Benedict Road, Allendale, Grade 4; Michael Dobson, 305 Highland Ave., Highland School, kindergarten; Lauren Dwyer, 4 Harvard Court, Allendale, Grade 5.

Also, Erica Garofalo, 74 Balance Rock Road, Temple Preschool; Nadia Garofalo, 74 Balance Rock Road, Lanesboro, kindergarten; Amanda C. Loftus, 10 Howe Road, Allendale, Grade 1; Jessica Markham, 9 Grant St., Highland School, Grade 3; Morgan Middlebrook, 79 Kittredge Road, Allendale, Grade 1; Amanda Sciola, 32 Plastics Ave., Allendale, Grade 1; Justin Stanczyk, 75 Potter Mountain Road, Lanesboro Elementary, kindergarten.

Also, Jillian Stone, 26 Westminster St., Allendale, Grade 5; Erica Taylor, 10 Francis Ave., Apt. 20, Crosby School, Grade 3; Sarah C. Vincent, 107 Burke Ave., Allendale, Grade 4; and Gina Vitro, P.O. Box 362, Hinsdale, Kittredge School, Grade 5.

Pittsfield marking Halloween with 49th consecutive parade

By Mary-Jane Tichenor
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Thirty units, including six floats and three marching bands, will march in the 49th annual Halloween parade at 7 p.m. on Friday.

For the 37th year, John C. Marchesi, the city's recreation director, is parade coordinator. Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano will be grand marshal.

The parade is sponsored by the Department of Parks & Recreation and, for the first time this year, by Itam Lodge, Sons of Italy. The Berkshire Eagle co-sponsored the parade for almost 40 years until last year, when it was sponsored entirely by the Parks Department. The co-sponsor makes a \$500 contribution to the parade.

Preparing floats

Units will assemble on both sides of East Street from Bartlett Avenue to Appleton Avenue. They will march from East Street around Park Square to North Street, before the reviewing stand at Pittsfield Furniture Co., and proceed to Wahconah Park. Floats will continue down Wahconah Street and back to the points of origin.

The Eagles Band and the Pittsfield High and Lee High bands will play.

Floats have been entered by the Berkshire County House of Correction; Divers of Western New England; Allendale School, co-sponsored by Altresco; Berkshire Giant Pumpkin Growers; Highland School, co-sponsored by Berkshire Gas Co., and Martin Marietta.

Floats will be judged in two categories, those constructed primarily by adults and those constructed primarily by young people. Each category will have three awards, of \$100, \$75 and \$50. Bands will be awarded \$100, \$75 and \$50 for first, second and third place.

In addition, 25 gift certificates will be presented to children marching in the parade. Selection of costume awards will be made

before the parade by judges who will be stationed in the lineup area. All costume award winners will be presented with ribbons to wear. They will receive gift certificates by returning the back portion of their ribbons to the Department of Parks and Recreation, 874 North St.

The parade lineup:

► Section I: Corner of First and East streets to Bartlett Avenue.

1. Pittsfield Police cruiser.
2. Pittsfield Recreation Department car.
3. VFW Post 448 color guards.
4. Grand marshal, Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano.
5. Berkshire County House of Correction float.
6. Pittsfield Fire Department vehicle and Sparky.
7. Pittsfield High School band.
8. Pittsfield High School marching unit.
9. Winter Carnival Queen Trinity Finn.

► Section II: Bartlett Avenue to Pomeroy Avenue.

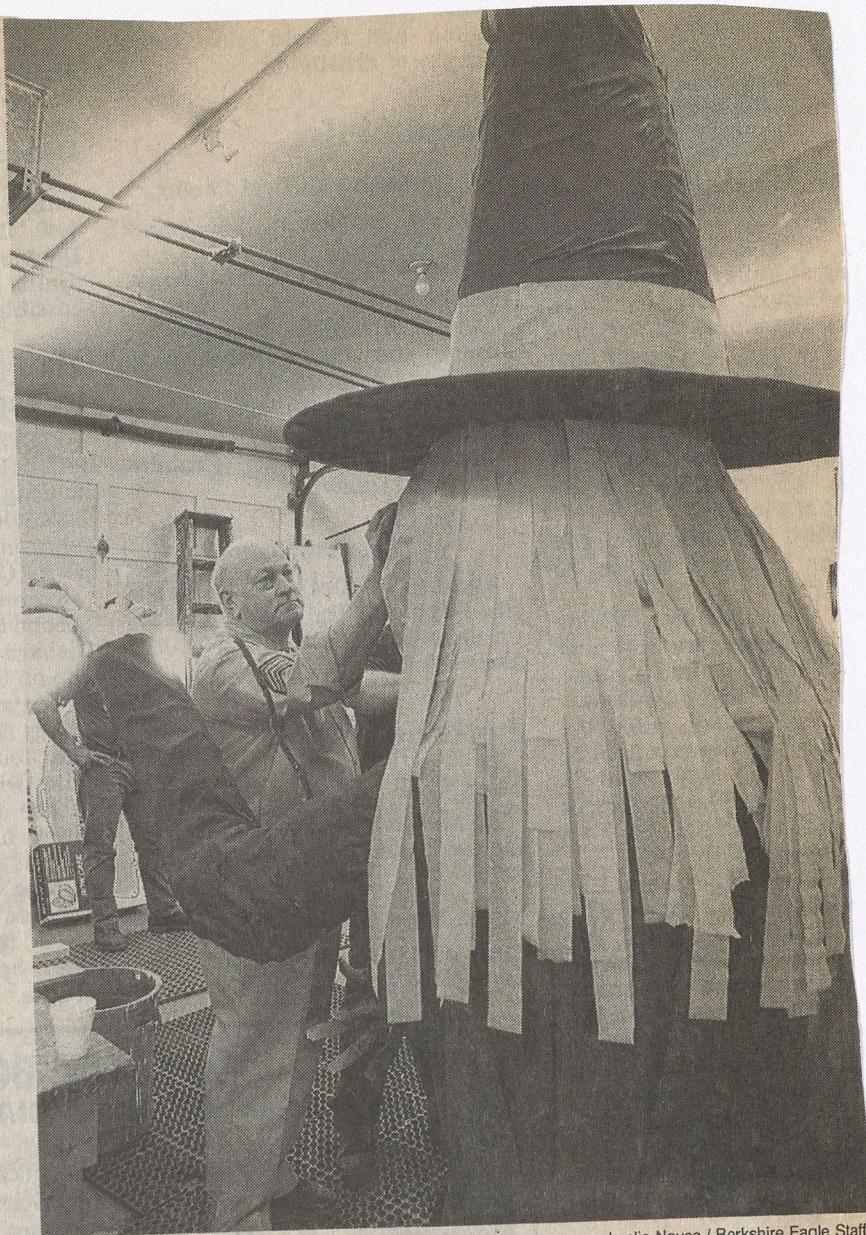
10. Eagles Band.
11. Divers of Western New England float.
12. Divers of Western New England marching unit.
13. WBEC van.
14. Allendale School float.
15. Allendale School marching unit.

► Section III: Pomeroy Avenue to Pittsfield High School driveway.

16. Lee High School band.
17. Berkshire Giant Pumpkin Growers float.
18. Berkshire Giant Pumpkin Growers marching unit.
19. Boys' & Girls' Club swim team marching unit, Gators.
20. Kittredge School marching unit.
21. Highland School float.
22. Highland School marching unit.

► Section IV: Pittsfield High School driveway to Appleton Avenue.

23. WUPE van.
24. Highpoint School marchers.
25. Options for Youth marchers.
26. DARE.
27. Williams School marching unit.
28. Martin Marietta float.
29. Berkshire Public Theatre marchers.
30. Pittsfield Police cruiser.



Leslie Noyes / Berkshire Eagle Staff

George Wilkinson, a correctional officer and instructor at the Berkshire County House of Correction, puts finishing touches on a witch that will grace the front of a float he and a group of inmates are building for the Pittsfield Halloween parade.

10-26-93



Pittsfield Firefighters participated in the Halloween Parade in costume. Among the favorites with kids was the department's special canine friend, who handed out blow-pops.

11-4-93

Celebrate Halloween on Halloween

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I can't help but feel cheated this year. With a daughter now 3 years old, I can vicariously relive the finer moments of childhood. One of the true pleasures of parenthood is rekindling that pristine zeal of opening presents, finding Easter eggs and of course venturing out into the night to trick or treat on Halloween. Unfortunately the premature celebration in Pittsfield fell on an evening my wife and I were working. Not only did we miss the fun of seeing our "little dalmation" walk from house to house clinging to her "treats" as I would cling to a winning lottery ticket, but we missed the fun of handing candy out to other kids in our neighborhood.

Growing up I seem to recall celebrating Halloween on Oct. 31. It was Oct. 31, rain or shine. Halloween fell on Thursday in 1990. This year it falls on Sunday, doesn't it? Who changed it? The parade is terrific and I can understand having it on a different day. This year there was an opportunity to celebrate on a day when most parents are off, when homework can be finished, and when most people are home. Is there sociological data to suggest that kids are more prone to wreak havoc from the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends as opposed to weeknights?

Oh well, children probably don't care anyway. This is an adult thing. In the future I'll be prepared for major celebratory calendar changes. My family and I will anxiously huddle around the fireplace on Wednesday, Dec. 22, in anticipation of Santa's arrival.

MARK C. PETTUS

Pittsfield, Oct. 28, 1993

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Photos by Mandana Marsh

This spirited contingent from Kittredge School, Hinsdale, was one of many groups of kids marching in the annual parade in Pittsfield.

Crowds flock to Halloween Parade

10-30-93



Benjamin Mennis, 3½, of Pittsfield waits for the parade.

PITTSFIELD — A crowd estimated at 22,000 turned out last night to watch the city's 49th annual Halloween Parade.

"It was the biggest crowd I've seen in 37 years," said John C. Marchesi, longtime city recreation director. He has been coordinator of the parade for that period.

Allendale School's creation, "Christmas in Transylvania," won the prize for best float. Second prize went to Highland School for "A Monster's Wedding," while third was awarded to inmates of the Berkshire County House of Correction for their "Second Street Spooky School." Winning floats received \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively. The parade featured six floats in all.

Among the three bands that played, Lee High School won the \$100 first prize, Pittsfield High School got \$75 for second, and the Eagles Band received \$50 for third.

Prizes for costumes

In addition, 25 children received costume awards that can be redeemed for gift certificates at the Department of Parks & Recreation office, 874 North St.

The Board of Park Commissioners also presented a Community Service Award last night for the first time. It went to Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano and the Berkshire County Deputy Sheriffs Association, who have volunteered to help with the parade for the last 15 years, Marchesi said.

Massimiano was grand marshal of the parade.

The parade was co-sponsored this year by the Sons of Italy Itam Lodge, which contributed \$500.



A member of the Eagles Band, wearing a mask, plays on North Street.

'Oh, Christmas tree'



Leslie Noyes / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Derrick Haddad, 2, of Pittsfield admires the Pittsfield Christmas tree, which was lit before a small crowd in Park Square last night.

Tradition illuminates Park Square

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — A 30-foot blue spruce burst into sparkling color in Park Square at the stroke of 7 last night, signaling Pittsfield's longtime tradition of welcoming in the holiday season with a community gathering and the singing of Christmas carols.

The ceremony is a family event, with parents and grandparents towing toddlers by the hand and hoisting babies up so they could get a good look at the tree over the heads of adults.

Throwing the switch that illuminated the tree was 12-year-old Jodie Kirk of Spencer Street, whose family donated a backyard spruce that housed three families of birds this summer.

The crowd applauded appreciatively as the 10,000 Christmas

lights flickered on, casting a cheerful glow over the park.

"I'm so glad I came," said one young woman.

Presiding over the ceremony was John C. Marchesi, director of recreation for the Department of Parks and Recreation, which sponsors the annual event. It was the 38th consecutive tree-lighting ceremony that Marchesi has attended.

Last night, no one was quite sure when the local tradition began, but Vincent J. Hebert, the retired superintendent of parks and recreation, said he attended his first event in 1950 and it had already started before then.

The relatively mild night brought out a good-sized crowd of a few hundred spectators, the most that Marchesi said he has seen in several years.

Throwing the switch was 12-year-old Jodie Kirk, whose family donated the spruce gracing Park Square.

Local vocalist Paul Nixon led the crowd in singing several Christmas carols, mostly selected with the young audience in mind. The carolers started off timidly with "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" but soon were all singing heartily.

Marchesi wished the crowd "Merry Christmas" from Mayor

Edward M. Reilly, who was discharged from Berkshire Medical Center yesterday after undergoing gallbladder surgery last week. He also extended greetings from Clifford J. Nilan, chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, who was in Boston and unable to attend the event.

Civil defense decorators

As they have in the past, members of the civil defense decorated the tree. Doing the honors this year were Thomas Grizey, the head of the organization, and members Joseph Chague, David Foley, Rosemarie Foley and Al Peckham.

After many Christmas carols, the crowd started drifting away. When one woman was asked why she came, she answered, "I don't know. I guess I was just in the mood."

12-12-93



Trash overflows a receptacle at Onota Lake's Burbank Park.

Craig F. Walker / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Guzzo seeks regular maintenance for Onota, Pontoosuc dumpsters

3-5-93

PITTSFIELD — Ward 7 City Councilor Joseph O. Guzzo has received three or four complaints recently about the state of the dumpster at Burbank Park, which is overflowing with trash. He said the receptacle does not appear to be on any particular collection schedule.

Richard Callahan, owner of Callahan Trucking, which has the contract to collect garbage for the city, said the receptacle at the park is checked every week.

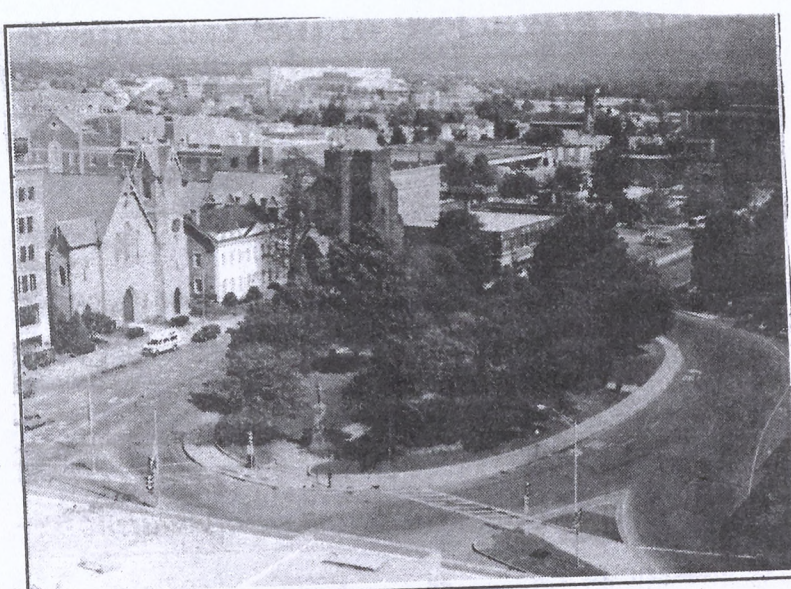
The problem, he said, is that it can sit empty for the next two weeks or be full an hour after it's been emptied.

Guzzo said the area is used daily by a group of elderly men who meet there to talk and sometimes fish through the ice. Also, snowmobilers sometimes have small parties at the site, Guzzo said.

The overflowing trash container does not add to the ambiance, the people say.

Guzzo said there is another dumpster at Burbank Park that is snowed in and not accessible. He said the trash receptacle in the lower parking lot at Pontoosuc Lake is also often full.

"I'm not trying to be negative," Guzzo said. "It's just that if we are going to put these things out there, we should have some kind of maintenance program in place for them."



The two "Most Pittsfield Places" are just a few blocks away from each other: Parks Square and the Boys' and Girls' Club.

Others receiving multiple votes included:

- Highland Restaurant
- City Council Chambers
- Onota Lake

3-4-93

The votes for best park were divided throughout the city. Onota Lake/Burbank Park was the marginal winner, followed by Clapp Park. 3-4-93

Council supports fire museum storage help

In an effort to help the Firefighting Museum of the Berkshires, the council approved a petition urging the Parks Commission to help the project with its storage problems.

The museum, coordinated by John Amuso, has used a Springside House building to store its engines but was told to remove them.

Angelo Stracuzzi suggested that space could be made by auctioning items in storage at the site — but no longer used.

"It's like my attic and your attic," said Stracuzzi of the building at Springside.

Tom Hickey amended the petition to suggest donating usable equipment to worthy youth groups.

Ben Kaplan joined the other councilors in the vote of support for the museum but said he would like to see a business plan to better evaluate the project's long-term goals and prospects. 4-15-93

Park Square tree lighting is Thursday

PITTSFIELD — The annual tree-lighting ceremony in Park Square will be Thursday at 7.

The event, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will include carol singing led by Paul Nixon.

The tree, a 30-foot spruce, was donated by Charles Kirk of 8 Spencer St. The Civil Defense Department, under the direction of Thomas Grizey, decorated it. 12-7-93



misc

County softball meeting tomorrow

The Berkshire County Men's Slow Pitch Softball League has scheduled its first organizational meeting of the year tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St., Pittsfield.

Any team planning to participate in the 1993 league should send a representative to the meeting. The agenda will include the 1992 financial report and discussion of the 1993 entry fee, tournament schedule, bylaw changes and fund-raisers. Further information may be obtained by calling the Pittsfield Department of Recreation, 499-9343.

3-3-93

'Snow job' leaves the city in a mess 3-4-93

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I first saw Pittsfield Department of Public Works Commissioner William Forestell's budget request for the current fiscal year when it was printed in the Pittsfield Gazette last spring. The total dollar amount was essentially the same as the total of the last budget that I prepared as the former DPW commissioner (and Forestell inherited in January of 1992), but there were some significant changes in the way the money was allocated.

Forestell did not budget any money for hired plows, he cut the overtime account by a large amount, and he did not significantly increase the sand and salt account, although he planned to buy sand rather than use the sand from the city-owned property adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. Incidentally, Forestell's recently reported reasons for not using this sand — that the stones in it jammed equipment and that it was "greasier" than the sand he is buying now — are a lot of bull.

He prefers to use the sand near the treatment plant to bulk the sludge produced there.

I had several conversations with one of the city councilors before the Council voted to approve Forestell's budget, and I expressed my concerns that the city would effectively shut down if we had a "normal" snowstorm, because Forestell did not have enough money budgeted to handle it. It is certainly true that we have had some strange winters during the past five years, but I always budgeted enough money to handle a "normal" winter, and in the spring I would transfer, with the Council's approval, remaining funds to street projects.

Forestell's comment that we are now having a "normal" winter and so he needs more money shows that he and Mayor Edward Reilly intentionally underfunded the snow and ice accounts and used the money elsewhere. This is the oldest trick in the book; how can the City Council say no to more money for plowing and sanding when the councilors'

phones are ringing off the hook every time it snows? What a snow job they're pulling!

It is not all Forestell's fault, though. Mayor Reilly approved the DPW budget request and sent it to the Council. The Council, although at least one member know of the possibility of a shortfall, never seriously challenged Forestell's drastic cutbacks in the snow and ice accounts; it rubber-stamped the budget because it got line-item control back. And watching in silence as all of this occurred was the staff of The Eagle. The city is a disgrace, and they are all to blame.

DAVID R. SPIEWAK
Stephentown, N.Y., Feb. 22, 1993

'Dog walkathon' to be June 20 at the Common

PITTSFIELD — The Parks Commission voted Monday night to approve a request from the Berkshire Humane Society to use the First Street Common for a "dog walkathon" fund-raiser Sunday, June 20.

In other business, the board:

► Approved the use of Wahconah Park for a celebrity softball game Sunday, Aug. 1, to benefit the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee and Berkshire United Way.

► Authorized the Park Department's maintenance director, Anthony Stracuzzi, to proceed with plans to grade and remove barriers from a maintenance road in Springside Park. Stracuzzi said that opening the road will facilitate regular police patrols and make it easier for the maintenance staff to spot and remove illegally dumped refuse. 5-20-93

Sad fire sale planned 3-13-93

In what Mayor Edward Reilly termed a "sad occurrence," the city council has authorized the sale of the "Olde Central Fire Station" near City Hall.

Saying that it would cost the city more than \$1 million to renovate the historic structure, Reilly said commercial development was the only viable alternative.

The site will be put to bid with minimum criteria including: soundness, feasibility and appropriateness of plan; preservation of exterior; and reasonableness of rehabilitation schedule.

In a related matter, the council supported a late Joseph Guzzo petition calling on the mayor to intervene on

behalf of the Firefighting Museum of the Berkshires, which once wanted the site.

The proposed museum has been storing equipment at city sites and had been informed it must be removed by April 1. Guzzo's petition, co-sponsored by Angelo Stracuzzi, called for extending the deadline until May 1.

SUPERAGENCY: The creation of an economic development "super agency" passed muster on the first of two required votes Tuesday.

Only Tim DiSilva — who is concerned about too much consolidation of power among planning boards — voted against the change.

Litscher is appointed associate city solicitor

PITTSFIELD — Brian J. Litscher, a Pittsfield attorney, has been appointed associate city solicitor, replacing attorney Richard F. Drennan, who resigned earlier this year.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on confirmation of the appointment at its meeting tonight at 7:30.

City Solicitor Kathleen G. Alexander said the position to be filled by Litscher will deal with real estate issues for the city, advising a number of boards, commissions and agencies, defending worker's compensation cases, rendering legal opinions and a wide assortment of other legal matters.

"Naturally, I'm very pleased to have someone of Brian's caliber and professional standards available for the assistant solicitor's position," she said. "He not only has 10 years of experience in a variety of areas, but has had a good deal of involvement in real estate issues, including those affecting municipalities."

Alexander said that in the legal

community Litscher is known for his commitment, professionalism and hard work.

"We also have that same high standard in Janet Pumphrey," she continued, referring to the other assistant city solicitor.

Litscher yesterday described his current work as complete general practice, including criminal law, commercial and residential real estate, and business transactions. "I pretty much do a little bit of everything," he said.

Litscher is also an amateur singer who is the featured soloist in musicals and other entertainments in the city. He is active at the YMCA, where he has been a soccer coach for the last 10 years.

He came to Pittsfield with his family while still a baby and attended local public schools. He is a 1974 highest honors graduate of Pittsfield High School and a 1978 graduate of Dartmouth College, where he received a degree in government and English. He received his law degree from George Washington University in 1981. 4-27-93

April 29, 1993



Russ Potak

This soldier stands on duty amidst blossoms at Park Square.

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State plans repairs to Onota Lake dam

PITTSFIELD — The state Department of Environmental Management is planning to repair the Onota Lake dam, state Rep. Peter J. Larkin, D-Pittsfield, has announced.

Cost of the project, which will be put out to bid, will be in the vicinity of \$750,000, Larkin estimates.

"DEM Commissioner Peter C. Webber has directed Raul Silva, director of dam safety, to complete design plans and specifications for the complete repair of the dam, which remains classified as unsafe/non-emergency," Larkin said.

Plan details

The plan involves repairing the existing dam and canal embankment, and constructing a

cofferdam to lessen the recreational and environmental impacts of the project.

The cofferdam, which is a watertight temporary structure, will keep water from the enclosed area so that the dam can be repaired.

The process will be reviewed by city officials in mid-June. A public meeting in Pittsfield will be planned for mid-July as part of the local permitting procedure, and the final design is expected to be completed by Sept. 1.

The dam will continue to be monitored by the city, and inspected periodically by the DEM safety staff, Larkin said.

The project will be put out to bid, and the funding will be by a state appropriation approved by the Legislature.



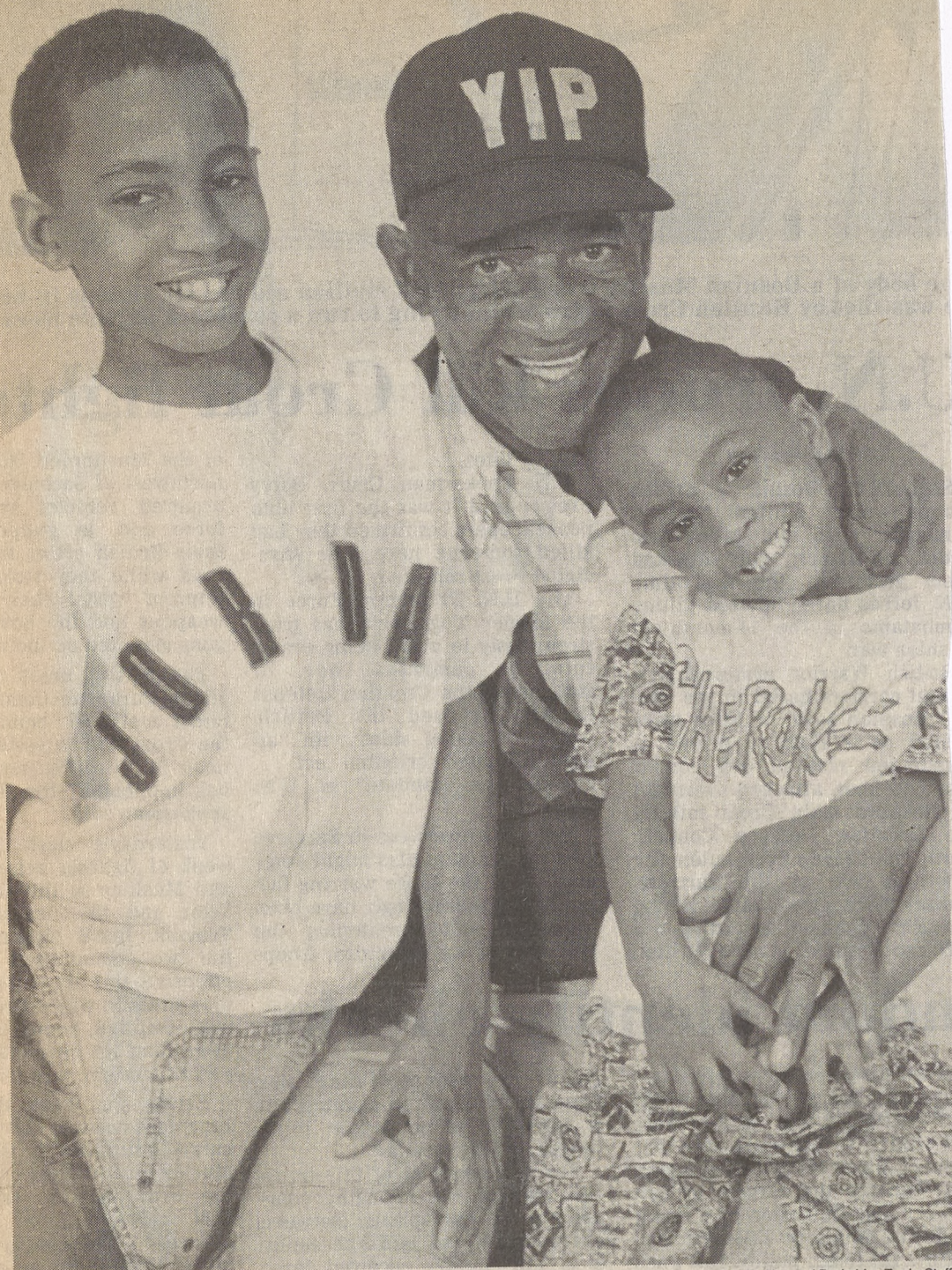
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In the swing of things

Jose Ponc, 6, of Pittsfield takes a wild ride in a tire swing at the Kids Common playground on First Street.

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New life for Pitt Park



Leslie Noyes / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Leroy Jones poses with two youngsters in his household, Glenn Willis, 10, and LaMonte Robinson, 4.

6-12-93

A park and a man

Pitt Park

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — A massive play structure will be the cornerstone of a revitalized Pitt Park and a rebuilt ballpark and an area for skateboarding will be the frosting on the cake.

Plans for the John Street park were unveiled by Robert Macintosh of Bradley Architects Inc. of Pittsfield at a neighborhood meeting Thursday night.

"You did a great job," commented Barbara Hanger of Dewey Avenue, one of the few neighbors to turn out for the session.

Robert S. Mellace of the Department of Community Development — which is running the \$85,000 park project — said the plans will be brought before the Park Commission at its June 21 meeting. He intends to get approval from the city's agent to the Conservation Commission, since

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'This park hasn't been alive for a while,' the architect said. People talk of open drug dealing there.

Leroy Jones

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — One man watching the developments at Pitt Park with a hopeful eye is Leroy Jones of Division Street, who has tried for the last two years to get neighborhood youths off the street corners and into the summer basketball and softball Youth Initiative Program at both Pitt and Tucker playground.

"This is more than just a sports program," he said yesterday. "We try and teach discipline and respect. You don't learn that hanging out on the corner."

Today at 2, Jones will have a clinic at Tucker Park, where he plans to launch his third summer of giving West Side kids something to do. At the clinic, new participants will get acquainted with the program as well as with the youngsters and teens who have been coming for the last two

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Political gathering

8-26-93

The city's annual Gather-In celebration once again attracted an enthusiastic crowd this past weekend — but the event was marred by unfortunate political activity.

Like other community events, the Gather-In traditionally attracts candidates for local office, providing an informal opportunity to meet potential voters.

For the first time, however, this activity went beyond "meet and greet" activities when one candidate's campaign committee operated a food booth. Ward 6 city council challenger Barbara Hanger, who is on the event's board of directors, sponsored the concession stand.

Hanger's race with incumbent James Boyle is already shaping up as the most heated this election cycle — and event organizers showed highly questionable judgment by letting Hanger sponsor her booth without inviting Boyle.

To the consternation of some other ethnic groups, the African-American themed Gather-In is funded in part through a line item in the city budget. No comparable event receives municipal funding.

It is particularly inappropriate for a city-funded event held on city property to be used for formal campaign activity, especially if an extra effort is not made to include all candidates.

A representative of Hanger's campaign pointed out that the candidate's committee was not trying to make money at the

event; that the food was being sold at or below cost. Hanger just wanted to sponsor a booth at the event held near her house.

Whether profit was the goal or not, however, Hanger was soliciting goodwill from voters in a way her competitor didn't think he could do.

The organizers of the Gather-In should take pains to avoid any future decisions that could suggest political favoritism at a city-funded event.

One hopes that the lively campaign between Hanger and Boyle — both of whom have long records of community service — will focus on issues in the coming two months.

Publisher's Notebook

Jones works to get kids off the streets

■ JONES, from A1
summers.

Jones said he is glad to volunteer. His own childhood was rough, he said, so he is happy to do anything he can to make things better for other children. Still, there are two main problems with advancing the summer program beyond its current status as a weekend basketball and softball league.

"The funds are tough," he said, referring to a money-raising effort by community activist Valerie Hamilton that covers the cost of supplies he needs for the summer. Also, he said, "there isn't a lot of parent cooperation."

Jones, who chooses his words very carefully, said he would rather not go into the reasons why more West Side parents don't lend a hand throughout the summer. But he could use the

help.

The Youth Initiative Program was founded by Hamilton and a group of parents three years ago.

The first summer, 90 kids showed up, Jones said. The second year, which was hampered by equipment problems, 62 participated. This year, 70 children between the ages of 7 and 17 have signed up, and he is expecting more once school lets out.

Lending a hand

Working with Jones this year will be Clay Gunn, James Williams, Trisha Sistrunk, Frank Sistrunk and Walter Powell. Hamilton will be doing what Jones calls "the legwork" to get the financial backing.

Next year, with a new ballfield at the revitalized Pitt Park, the program might sell itself, Jones said. "It might make even more

kids interested."

At 55, and after surgery on his back and knees, Jones says his own days as an athlete are over. But he agreed to get involved three years ago, because he was tired of watching clusters of youths hanging around the streets, apparently with nothing to do.

"I wanted to see if I could turn them in a different direction," he said, adding that boys and girls learn a lot more from working with a team than just increasing their basketball or softball skills.

Jones has two goals that he hopes to achieve by the end of this summer. The first involves the Gather-In, an annual West Side celebration of African-American culture featuring arts, crafts, food and entertainment. He wants the children of the neighborhood to find a strong niche in the celebration this year.

The second goal is to establish links between the older and younger children of the neighborhood by calling on the older kids to work more closely with the younger ones.

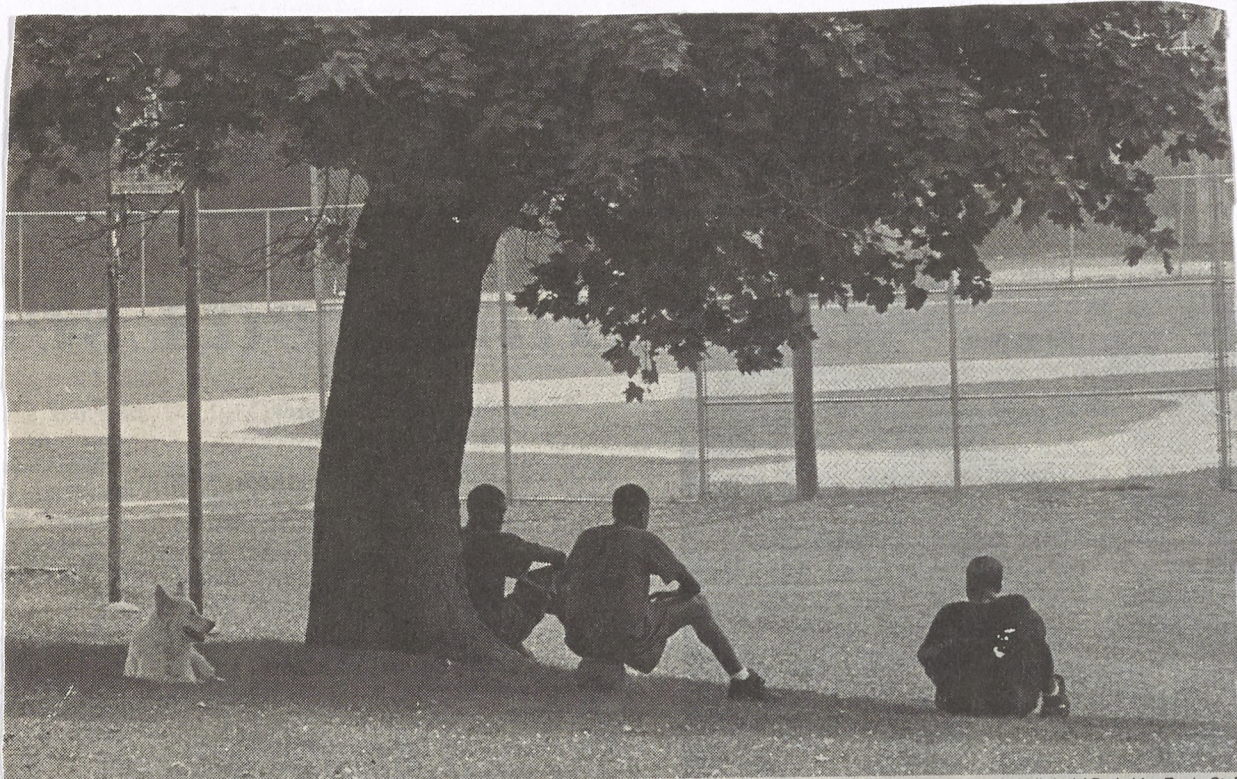
"I want to give them a sense of responsibility," Jones said. "When you are idle, you get into trouble."

One of Jones' allies is Police Sgt. Anthony Riello, who will obtain a schedule of the games and make sure a patrol car passes by every once in a while to give people who might make trouble in the park the idea that they are not wanted.

For the last two years, Jones would simply approach people who drink, swear or abuse the park and tell them to leave.

"I think they listen to me because the guys I work with are a pretty good size," he said with a laugh.

6-12-93



Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Staff

A place in the shade

Three youths and a dog take a break from the hot sun last week at Clapp Park in Pittsfield.

Annual Gather-In festival set tomorrow at Pitt Park

PITTSFIELD — Performances by choirs and an interpretive dance program will highlight this year's Gather-In festival, which begins tomorrow at 11 in Pitt Park on Columbus Avenue.

Sponsored by the Christian Center and the Association for Basic Community Development and Education, Gather-In will benefit ABCDE's Educational Project of Life, a tutorial and mentoring program for young people.

River dance

"Rare Species," an interpretive dance developed by Jacob's Pillow, choreographer Susan Sgorbati of Bennington, Vt., visual artist Sue Rees, writer Julius Rosenwald and musician Jonathan Bepko, will be performed at 3:30. The dance, which is the result of the collaboration of the Housatonic River Project and community groups from Western Massachusetts and Connecticut, represents a journey down the river.

At 1:30, musician David Grover will perform, and at 8 p.m., the Gardner

Memorial Gospel Choir of the AME Zion Church of Springfield will sing.

Other groups scheduled to perform include Dread I, a reggae group; the Rick Anderson singers; the Accoustic Gremlins, and the choirs of Price Memorial AME Zion, Victory Temple and Second Congregational churches.

Bowie the Clown will appear, and karaoke by Star Blossom Productions also is planned.

The entertainment will conclude with a block dance on the basketball court under the direction of disc jockey Nathaniel Moody.

A basketball tournament involving eight teams will get under way at 11:30 a.m. Players, who are members of basketball squads directed by volunteers, will be divided into two age divisions: 8 to 10 and 11 through 14. Trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams. In addition, a most valuable player award will be made in each division.

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Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Sta

Shady pines

Harry Dezieck of Pittsfield relaxes in the shade of white pines at Pontoosuc Lake with his son's dog, Alpine.

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The competition was intense on the basketball court at Pitt Park Saturday as part of the annual Gather-In community celebration. In addition to sports, the event included live entertainment, ethnic food samplings, health screenings and a variety of informational booths.

8-26-93

Pumpkinfest '93 plans are sprouting

The second annual D.A.R.E. fundraiser, "Pumpkinfest '93" will be held Sunday, October 10 from noon to 6 p.m. on the Pittsfield Common on First Street. The rain date is October 11.

Sponsored by the Berkshire Giant Pumpkin Growers, the featured event at Pumpkinfest '93 will be a weigh-off of giant pumpkins, with cash prizes. Last year's winner weighed 576 pounds.

Accompanying the weigh-off will be contests for pumpkin pie baking, pumpkin coloring, jack-o-lantern costumes, and the Prince and Princess of Pumpkinfest, which will fetch the winners a trophy and ride in the Halloween parade.

All contests are free of charge. "This is a family oriented fund-raising event with an agricultural orientation," said coordinator Gary Soutier.

In addition to the contests, the festival will offer an array of activities and commercial displays, including 30 craft booths, an 8-foot talking pumpkin, hayrides, pumpkin carving, medieval fighting, the police K-9 unit, and sport judo.

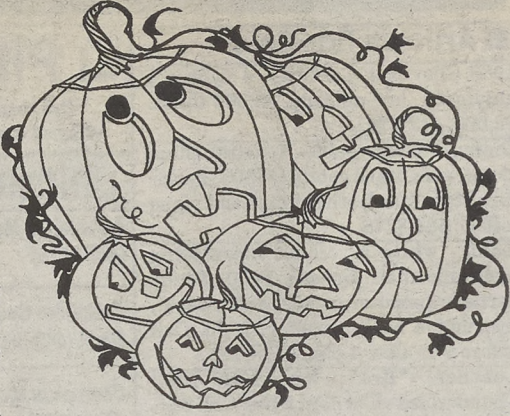
Live music will be performed throughout the day by the Pittsfield High School band, Bob Smith, (DJ), Elizabeth Petty, Raising Cane, and

Blue Rose.

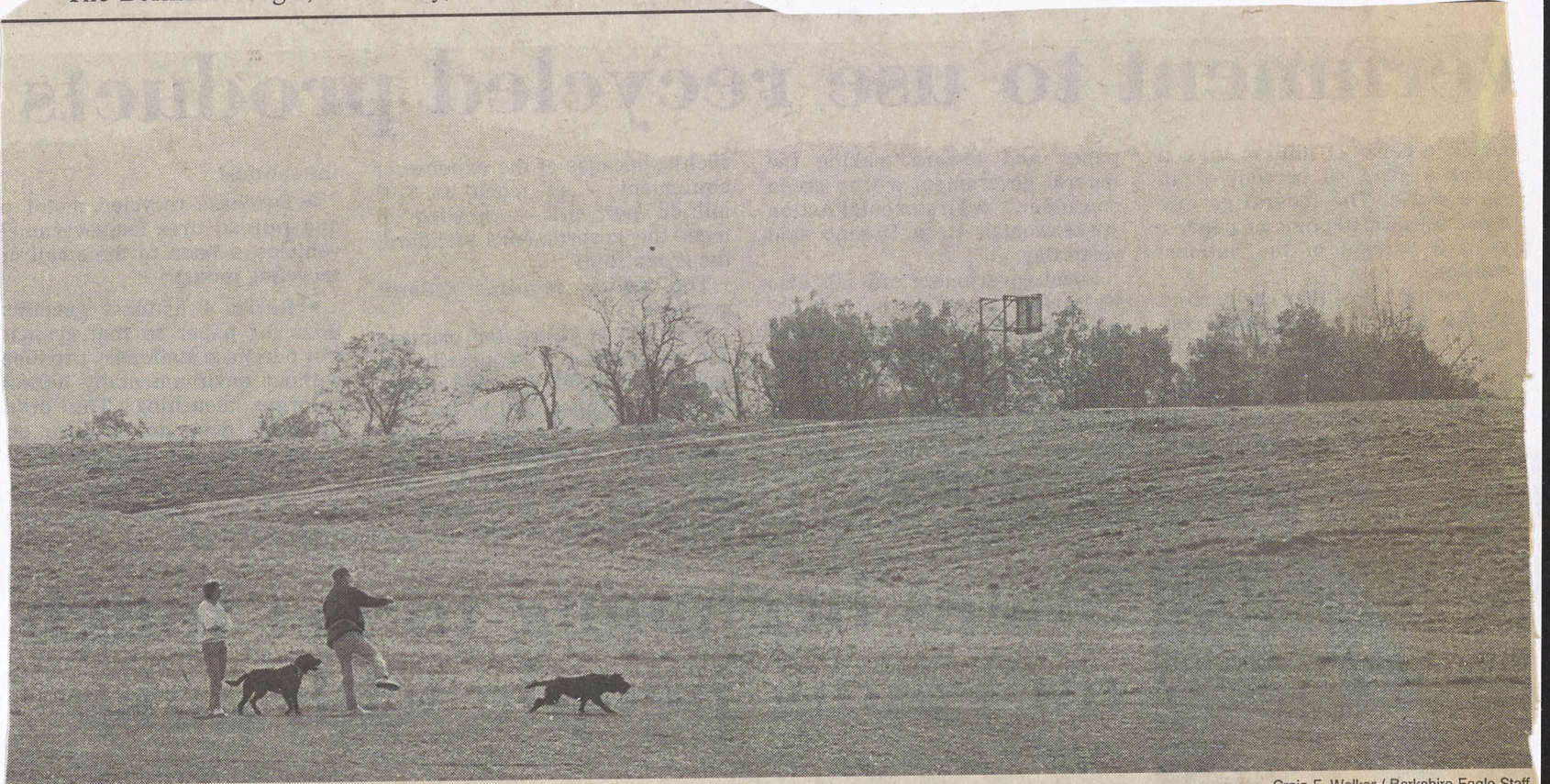
The Pittsfield Police Department will be conducting finger printing of children and bicycle registration.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for both programs, and must have proof of purchase or parent's verification for bicycle registration.

For information on participating in Pumpkinfest or the contests, contact Soutier at 447-7475.



— The Berkshire Eagle, Thursday, October 21, 1993



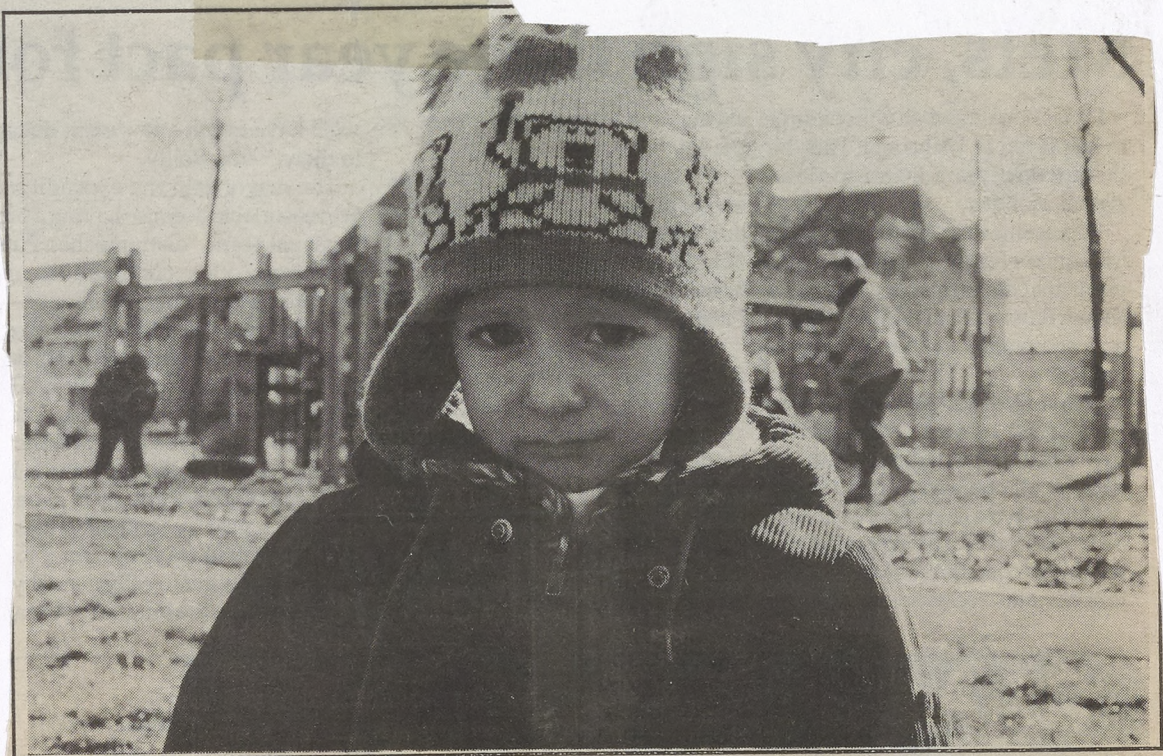
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Canines' outdoor sport

Rome and Timothy Hannigan play a game of fetch with their dogs on a visit to Kirvin Memorial Park off Williams Street in Pittsfield.

10-21-93

Pittsfield Gazette, November 23, 1993



Russ Potak

With as solemn a look as any kid could muster, Derek took time out from playing at the Kids' Common to answer what his favorite thing to be thankful for on Thanksgiving is. His response after some serious thinking: getting to see the tractor when he goes to his grandmother's house in Vermont for Thanksgiving turkey.

Volunteers reclaiming city playgrounds

When volunteers at Conte Community School broke ground Saturday morning for the installation of a new playground structure, they continued a trend toward grassroots revitalization of city parks and playgrounds.

In an era when the city operating budget has essentially reduced the parks and recreation department to a few supervisory personnel and seasonal maintenance workers, neighborhood groups are taking it upon themselves to reclaim space for children and families.

City officials continue to praise parks and playgrounds as an asset — and vow support — but the burden, for now, falls largely upon volunteers.

"It's a great, great thing that people are finally taking an interest again in playgrounds, especially at the schools," said Cliff Nilan, chairman of the parks commission.

Nilan longs for the days when all playgrounds were well maintained and featured large scale summer recreation programs.

"The parks are one of our greatest assets," said Nilan.

Elected officials have also been chiming in about the value of recreational spaces but direct financial support thus far has been negligible.

While the city council earlier this month voiced support for possibly allocating \$1 million in capital ex-



Volunteers at Conte Community School built a new playground structure Saturday, an effort funded in part by some 120,000 pennies collected by neighborhood children.

penditures for the parks in the future, the only funds allocated in recent years have been through federal block grants for disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Kids Common

Locally administered federal funds through the community development office helped complete the first grassroots effort, the erection of the Kids Common in November 1991.

The elaborate play structure off First Street — initiated and funded

through a volunteer effort — was an instant hit. Since that time, parent groups at Highland and Williams schools have funded and built similar structures.

"When people saw what happened at the Common, I knew they would come forward for other projects," said parks director John Marchesi. "I hope we will keep seeing projects at all the major parks." The latest effort at Conte was "just super," Marchesi said.

The Conte project is unique in that the first phase erected Saturday was completed by volunteers, while two additional components will be joint neighborhood-city projects.

Conte's effort was undertaken by the Westside Neighborhood Advisory Council, which surveyed school faculty to determine needs. According to NAC chairperson Lorraine Delmolino, better playground equipment was at the top of the list.

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Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Jaclyn Candelet, 4, and her brother Michael, 7, were well bundled up yesterday for sledding at Clapp Park. Although no weather records were set locally, yesterday's cold felt like there should have been. Zero was the average temperature recorded at Pittsfield Municipal Airport by Eagle meteorologist George J. Bulgarelli.

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Parks getting life from volunteers, limited city help

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"It's not easy for our school to raise the kind of money needed," said Delmolino, "but people came through."

A "Pennies for the Playground" classroom competition netted \$1,200 toward the effort from children, she said, contributing to a sense of "community ownership" for the project.

While raising the funds for playground improvements can be daunting, Delmolino said the team spirit of such efforts has positive side effects.

"It got new parents involved and gave a shared sense of ownership," she said. On Saturday, when phase one for preschoolers through first graders was installed, "we actually had too many people, between staff and parents, who wanted to help."

The excess volunteer power was partially utilized by purchasing extra paint and giving old swings a touch-up.

The Conte effort yielded immediate results: "You should have seen the kids on the first day... we already saw it's way too small for this school." Likewise, Robert Timmins of Highland School said his school's parent-erected structure has proven so popular that a schedule was instituted to ensure fair usage for different grades.

Conte will get a boost in the next two phases of its project because the city's current community development budget includes a one-time \$35,000 line item for playground work at the site.

Bob Mellace of the community development office said his department is pleased to help fund a project with a grassroots orientation.

"We feel very good about it," he

said. "With a group there overseeing it after we're gone, we know it's worthwhile... there's a neighborhood commitment."

With support for the Kids' Common project and upcoming work at Conte as well as three other low-income neighborhood parks, the community development office has become virtually the only city funding source for park projects. Only a handful of neighborhoods qualify for the locally administered federal money, however.

"We think park areas are a good use of funds — and the mayor and city council have been very supportive — but we can only work in eligible areas," said Mellace.

In general, a neighborhood must have more than 51 percent of residents within federal low-to-moderate income levels to qualify as a community development project.

Thus, the renewed community development effort to fund park improvements is inherently limited in scope.

Preparatory work for a \$90,000 improvement of Pitt Park is underway in anticipation of Spring construction, and smaller amounts have been allocated for Tucker and Crow parks — as well as the Conte project.

Block grant funding for the Conte effort was obtained after the Neighborhood Advisory Council inquired about access to funds. Mellace said a determination was made that the project met community development requirements.

The funds are being allocated primarily for design service and amenities rather than actual equipment. "We're downplaying buying play-

ground equipment," said Mellace.

Nilan commends the volunteer efforts — and financial support for the special projects — but wishes general city funds were available for all parks.

"Mayor Reilly has shown support for the parks," said Nilan, "though I think parks should be considered more of a major department."

Nilan said he hopes Clapp Park will be next to enjoy volunteer revival through a new community playground but notes that many of the same volunteers are called upon for each project.

A major infusion of capital may eventually surface as the result of the recent city council initiative, though nothing is guaranteed. Nilan said he is hopeful but not optimistic regarding capital budget largesse.

"It's it's there, we would certainly welcome it," he said. "We've been going from year-to-year, lucky if we're just level-funded."

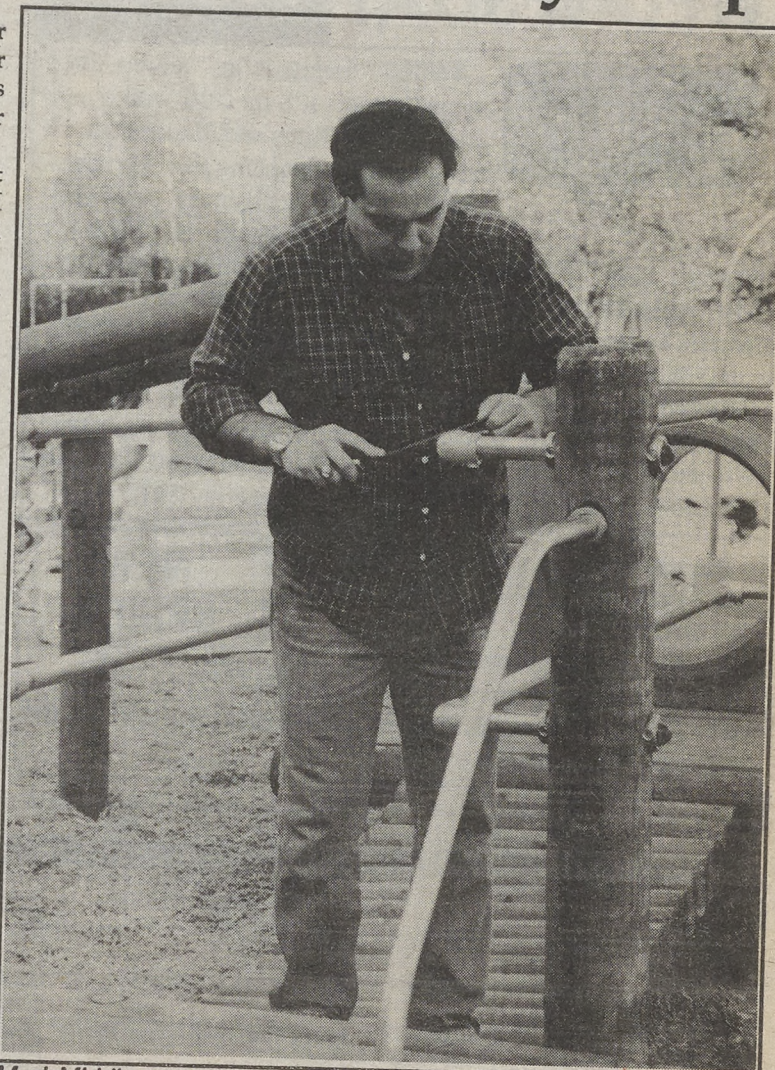
Ward 6 councilor James Boyle made the motion calling for a possible \$1 million for parks through a capital budget bond but said "the million dollars that we put in is predicated on a revised master plan for the parks."

Boyle said "for years, parks have been neglected," and feels that Springside and Burbank parks, the two largest, are in particular need of attention.

At-large councilor Gerald Doyle, Jr., liaison to the parks commission, said the parks need and deserve "an overall house-cleaning."

Doyle commended the community-based efforts but said city support is essential: "We're seeing more volunteerism and that's great — but the same people seem to be getting asked to contribute."

Ward 7 councilor Joseph Guzzo



Mark Middleton was among the volunteers who gathered Saturday to construct a new playground structure at Conte Community School.

and department now must identify needs. Nilan said he'd love to see a general park revitalization: "I hope we can reach the point where families go back to the parks for an hour or two in the evening and spend time together after a day of being off in different directions."

He said the recent vote was a symbol, "we made it known that we as a council are interested in parks." Guzzo said the parks commission



4/21/93 Photo by Bart Greenberger
Just for laughs, Pittsfield Mets general manager Rick Murphy, right, and assistant Dick Lenfest cast lines into the annual spring lake at the Wahconah Park parking lot.

Vandals strike Wahconah Park 4-8-93

Vandals caused several thousand dollars worth of damage at Wahconah Park early Saturday morning.

"They broke into the home clubhouse and offices," said Rick Murphy, general manager of the Pittsfield Mets. "There wasn't really valuable stuff there, but they went beyond just breaking in ... they were really destructive."

Holes were punched in walls, equipment including a Lifecycle was broken and graffiti was spraypainted.

"It's sad to see something like this," said Murphy. "They were serious ... what they did to the walls, it's just ridiculous."

Police Chief Gerald Lee said the perpetrators broke thorough inside fencing at the park. A crowbar was found on the scene.

During off-seasons, the park has often had vandalism problems but Murphy said this past weekend's attack was particularly disheartening.

Nickelodeon to present children's show in P'field

PITTSFIELD — Nickelodeon, the television network for children, is bringing its outdoor game show, "Wild & Crazy Kids," to Pittsfield. Nickelodeon will perform two

shows at Pittsfield's Wahconah Park on June 5, 1-4 p.m. Proceeds from the shows will benefit the Pediatric Development Center.

The shows feature Nickelodeon host Michael O'Malley, who will lead teams of children selected from the audience through a variety of fast-paced games and contests. Lots of prizes, of course, are part of the thrill.

A pre-sale of tickets will take place at Wahconah Park on May 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and on May 27, 3-7 p.m. Advance tickets will cost \$8, and only cash or checks will be accepted. Tickets will also be available at Wahconah Park the day of the shows for \$10 each.

The Pediatric Development Center is a non-profit organization that provides education, therapy and family support for children from birth to age three who have a developmental delay, handicap, birth defect or serious illness. Located at 388 Columbus Ave. Ext., the PDC serves all of central Berkshire County. 5-14-93

'Wild & Crazy Kids' show coming to Wahconah Park 5-23-93

PITTSFIELD — Nickelodeon's "Wild & Crazy Kids" game show will be coming to Wahconah Park for two shows June 5.

To youngsters who revel in the slime and whipped cream that flow so freely on the program, the fact that the popular show is coming to town is nothing short of awesome.

Proceeds from the shows, which will be at 1 and 4 p.m., will benefit the Pediatric Development Center, a non-profit agency that provides education, therapy and family support for disabled, developmentally delayed, or ill children up to age 3.

PDC board member and Kay-Bee Toy vice president of advertising Kenneth E. Cuniff said his fundraising committee discussed various activities for the year's big fundraiser, which traditionally has been a Kid's Day fair.

Using Kay-Bee connections, Cuniff was able to arrange the Wild & Crazy Kids appearance.

"This is such a great show," he enthused. "Michael O'Malley is one of the top hosts. It's just a good family event — good, clean fun."

Program participants will be pulled from the audience to participate in the show and to have a chance at game-show prizes, Cuniff said.

The programs will be televised locally, but not on Nickelodeon, Cuniff said.

Costume characters, including the Kay-Bee soldier and Doug, the Nick character, will be on hand.

Advance sale tickets are \$8 and will be on sale at Wahconah Park today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the park for \$10 each on the day of the shows.

Cuniff said the show will go on, rain or shine. And, he added, if enough tickets are sold, a third show may be added.

Drum corps competition set for July 21

PITTSFIELD — Precision and Pageantry '93, the annual drum and bugle corps competition produced by the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee, will be Wednesday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Wahconah Park in Pittsfield, according to an announcement by event chairman Raymond Pulver Jr.

This year's competition will include six competing corps and an exhibition by the Marksmen Alumni.

The field is headlined by the Cavaliers of Illinois, the reigning Drum Corps International world champions, Pulver said.

Other corps competing on the bill will be the Cadets of Bergen County, N.J., the 1992 DCI runners-up and five-time world champions, the Crossmen of Pennsylvania, the Bluecoats of Ohio, the Boston Crusaders and Dutchboy of Ontario, Canada.

Tickets are available at the parade headquarters, 237 Tyler St., Monday through Saturday from noon to 5. Credit card orders may be taken in person or over the telephone by calling 499-3861.

Advance tickets are \$10 for reserved seats and \$8 for general admission. On the day of the show tickets will be \$12 and \$10. For more information, one may call 499-3861. 5-21-93



Mark Mitchell

Mayoral pitch 6-19-93

Edward M. Reilly throws out ball for Pittsfield Mets home opener. Page C1.

City allocates funds to keep Mets home

By Howard Herman
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — The city of Pittsfield has taken what could be considered a major step toward keeping the Pittsfield Mets playing at Wahconah Park.

The City Council, which met Wednesday night, approved the allocation of \$25,000 to help pay for the expansion of the visiting team locker room at the park.

Currently, the visiting clubhouse does not meet the requirements listed in the agreement between the major and minor leagues, which is due to go into effect next year.

"It is very positive," said Bill Gladstone, president of National Pastime Inc., the owners of the Mets, of the news.

"It is a major step in a positive fashion for us," Mets general manager Rick Murphy added. "I think this will lead to a potential long-term lease."

Resolving the problem

"It is a comfortable feeling that the issue of the clubhouse will be resolved," Murphy added.

The money comes out of a \$100,000 payment to Pittsfield from the developers of the Super Stop & Shop Plaza project on Dan Fox Drive. The City Council on Tuesday approved Mayor Edward M. Reilly's plan for spending the money.

The gift was part of an agreement made last year between the city and T.C. Development Inc. of West Dover, Vt., who preceded the current developers of the Super Stop & Shop project. The agreement called for payment of an unrestricted fee of \$100,000 to the city when all permits concerning the project are granted.

"The Mets have explained to us if they are going to stay here, they have to make certain improvements to the park," Reilly said yesterday.

The city and team ownership met earlier this summer to begin laying the groundwork for a new lease on Wahconah Park. National Pastime and the city agreed on a one-year deal going into 1993, in order to discuss the needs to bring Wahconah Park up to code for 1994.

A number of changes include improvements to the hitting background in center field, extending the outfield warning tracks along the foul lines, and adding locker space in the home team and umpires' rooms. The major project is the visitor's clubhouse expansion.

"I told the mayor it's our great desire to stay in Pittsfield," said Gladstone. "The only question is if the field would meet standards."

Reilly said he is hopeful that the \$25,000 will be sufficient to cover the work on the addition.

"When the mayor made it clear to us he wanted us to be here, I felt confident they would deliver," Gladstone said. "They have been positive and supportive."

National Pastime and the New York Mets are in the first year of a new four-year New York-Penn League working agreement. The overwhelming opinion on both sides is that the Mets should stay in Pittsfield for the rest of the contract, and perhaps beyond.

"We would hope the team and the city can negotiate a new agreement," said Reilly. "We're gearing to keep the Mets here."

"Personally, I think it's great," Murphy added. "I have confidence in the mayor, the City Council and the Parks Commission. You have good groups of people concerned about preserving professional baseball in Pittsfield."

8-12-93

John Quinn Sr. stable at BMC

John Quinn Sr., an assistant coach at St. Joseph's High, is reported in stable condition at the Berkshire Medical Center cardiac unit, recovering from a heart attack he suffered Sunday night while on the sidelines at the St. Joseph's-Lee football game at Wahconah Park.

He was stricken with 54 seconds remaining in the first quarter, and was rushed to BMC, where he was admitted.

Current assistant

Quinn, the father of St. Joe's assistant Jack Quinn and grandfather of current Crusaders player Tim Kearns, coaches receivers and defensive ends for St. Joe's current head football coach Gary Bianchi. Quinn assisted Ted Mezejewski during the 1950s, and was a player on the Saints' 1944 team that beat Pittsfield 7-6, ending a 16-year losing streak.

In that game, the senior Quinn gained 45 of St. Joe's 50 rushing yards, and threw a key block that sprung Frank Koldys on his game-winning, 102-yard interception return for a touchdown. That game is recalled as one of the most exciting in the history of the rivalry between the two Pittsfield high schools.

On Sunday night, the Crusaders were defeated by Lee 26-0, in the Kosior League opening game for both teams. St. Joseph's will be at Monument Mountain Friday night for its next game, while Lee hosts McCann Tech on Saturday.

9/21/93

Coed soccer deadline tomorrow

Tomorrow will be the final day to register for the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation's coed youth soccer league. The league, for players ages 6 to 15 from Pittsfield, runs from May 24 to July 23, with games weeknights at Berkshire Community College.

There is a \$10 registration fee, and players can obtain registration forms at the Parks Department headquarters, 874 North St. Further information may be obtained from Jim Troy, 442-8038.

4/29/93

Mets, city sign three year pact for Wahconah Park lease

11-23-93

Professional baseball will continue to be played at Wahconah Park for the next three years, thanks to a lease signed Monday.

Representatives of the Pittsfield Mets minor league team and several municipal departments gathered in Mayor Edward Reilly's office for formal acceptance of the new agreement.

Under terms of the lease, the city is obligated to fund certain facility upgrades while the Mets are responsible for all operating expenses.

"This is a real happy occasion today," said Reilly. The mayor praised the team's contributions to the city's tourism and recreation industries,

saying "it's a tremendous treat for the city."

William Gladstone, principal owner of the club, added his satisfaction with the new agreement, noting "There are only two professional baseball teams in Massachusetts, the Pittsfield Mets and 'the other one'."

In order to comply with new professional baseball standards, the city must invest some \$45,000 in Wahconah Park, primarily to upgrade locker room facilities and field improvements.

The funds will come from the remainder of a \$100,000 goodwill payment made by the developers of the new Super Stop & Shop facility. "Plus

we'll have to put a few extra dollars in there," said Reilly.

The mayor said the expenditures are reasonable because having a professional team "distinguishes Pittsfield from other communities and fits into our overall ambiance."

Reilly termed Pittsfield "a real baseball town" and said improvements at the park are overdue: "This benefits us by forcing us to fix a very valuable asset ... it's always difficult to find funds but the park needs it."

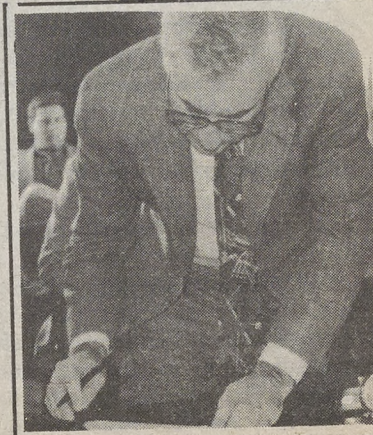
The mayor said the field is damaged each year by football games — "It's a baseball stadium, not a football field ... Football really does physical damage, in the long run we really

need to look at developing a new football field."

Gladstone joked that the Mets would cede Wahconah Park to football if the city built a new stadium: "We'd be happy to give it up to football if you build us a new home."

The Mets' owner said that he is pleased that city officials worked with the club to fund the necessary upgrades. He said fan support remains strong and he hopes the Mets stay in the city for years to come.

In addition to the capital expenditures, the new lease clarifies responsibilities for preseason field preparation, with the city taking on a more defined role.



Bill Gladstone signed new lease on behalf of the Pittsfield Mets.



Photo by R.L. Shartrand

Participating in this year's Winter Carnival Queen contest are, front row from left, Alaina Moresi, 1992 Lady-in-Waiting Stacie Meyer, 1992 Queen Tonia Polidoro and Trinity Finn, and, back row, Natasha Johnson, Jennifer Mineau, Kimberley Guilds, April Armstrong and Jill Bourassa.

Winter Carnival Queen contest activities kick off tomorrow

PITTSFIELD — The annual Winter Carnival Queen contest sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will kick off tomorrow with a dinner for the seven contestants and their mothers at Giovanni's Ristorante, according to contest chairwoman Pamela Delmolino.

This year's event is part of the 48th annual Winter Carnival.

Following the dinner, contestants will begin selling Winter Carnival buttons. Each contestant must sell a minimum of 1,000 buttons to be eligible to compete for the title of Winter Carnival queen or lady-in-waiting. The final selections will be made by a panel of judges at the Queen's Coronation Ball to be held Friday, Feb. 5, at the Sons of Italy Itam Lodge.

Selection will be based on poise, appearance, personality, expression and understanding of Winter Carnival activities. The sale of buttons is a separate contest and has no bearing on the judging.

The queen and lady-in-waiting as well as the contestant selling the most buttons will receive awards and gifts donated by area merchants and banks or purchased by the Winter Sports Committee. The contestants will choose a Miss Congeniality, who also will receive an award.

This year's contestants are:

► **April A. Armstrong**, 18, daughter of Susan Armstrong of 104 Bromback St. and James Armstrong of Tyler Street, a senior at Taconic High School. She is a candy striper and enjoys babysitting and walking. Armstrong is employed by Tempo Fashions and Side-by-Side, where she helps care for the elderly. Armstrong plans to attend college to become a nurse.

► **Jill R. Bourassa**, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palardy of 335 Benedict Road and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bourassa of Cherry Plain, N.Y. She is a senior at Pittsfield High School, where she has participated in three voice

recitals and a play to benefit the homeless. She plans to become a nurse in the obstetrics and gynecology field and someday would like to become a midwife. Bourassa is currently employed at Scenic Screen of Pittsfield, which is her sponsor.

► **Trinity R. Finn**, 17, daughter of Paula J. McLean of 3 Woodland Drive and James Finn of Pittsfield. She is a senior at Taconic High School and a special student at Berkshire Community College, where she takes a business course after school. At Taconic she is a cheerleader, a member of the Pep Club and student senate, and a volunteer for child abuse benefits. Finn enjoys modeling and skiing and would like to work in the real estate field. She is employed by Roger D's Pharmacy, which is her sponsor.

► **Kimberley J. Guilds**, 17, daughter of Judith Guilds of 9 Monica Drive, Lanesboro, and Robert Guilds of April Lane, Pittsfield. She is a senior at Mount Greylock Regional High School, Williamstown, where she has served for two years as president of Students Against Drunk Driving and the peer resource team. Guilds also is a member of the Friends of the Berkshire Athenaeum and enjoys basketball, softball, singing and dancing. She would like to become a model, actress or dancer or major in hotel and restaurant management. Her sponsor is B & K Optical Shoppe.

► **Natasha J. Johnson**, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of 34 Prospect St. She is a senior at Taconic High School and serves as a volunteer with the Special Olympics, a member of the student council, Students Against Drunk Driving, peer resource team, varsity track and the dance committee. Johnson is president of the Black College Tour, an organization that visits colleges around the country. She enjoys singing and dancing and was named the 1992 winner of the Miss Teen America Achievement

Award. Johnson, who is employed as a cashier at Big Y and as a dietary aide at Berkshire Nursing Home, plans to attend college to become a physical therapist. Her sponsor is Poly-Matrix.

► **Jennifer L. Mineau**, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gustitus of 25 McArthur St. and Ronald Mineau of 46 Sheffield St. A senior at Taconic High School, she enjoys coaching and cheerleading and is a member of the softball and varsity alpine ski teams. After school, she volunteers at Conte Community School, where she works with younger children. She plans to attend college to become a social worker or school adjustment counselor. She is employed by TJ Maxx and is sponsored by The Berkshire Eagle.

► **Alaina C. Moresi**, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moresi of 46 Glory Drive. She is a senior at Pittsfield High School. Moresi, a volunteer for the Red Cross, works as a cashier at Mazzeo's Market and enjoys listening to music. Her sponsor is Tog Mold, Tool & Die Co. 1-7-93

Coronation ball slated Feb. 5 for carnival queen

PITTSFIELD — Sheryl Morehouse has been named chairwoman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee annual queen's coronation ball to be held Friday, Feb. 5, at the Itam Lodge.

Dancing will be from 9 to 1 with music provided by Berkshire Sun Audio Productions.

The ball is the culmination of the annual queen's contest sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

This year's seven queen contestants who have sold their quota of 1,000 Winter Carnival buttons during the four weeks of the button sale will be judged by a panel of three judges. Their job will be to select the 1993 Winter Carnival queen and lady-in-waiting.

Tickets will be available at the Department of Parks and Recreation office at 874 North St. after Jan. 20. Reservations for the ball are suggested; tables will seat 10 people. 1-11-93

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City ski meet set for Saturday

PITTSFIELD — The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. of the Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that the city ski meet has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. at Bousquet Ski Area.

According to event chairman David J. Melle, the race will be an easy giant slalom and is open to boys and girls ages 13 and under.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in the following age categories: 7 and under, 8-10 and 11-13. There will be separate categories for trained and less trained racers and for boys and girls, the announcement said.

Entry forms are available at the Department of Parks and Recreation office at 874 North St. or at the ski area on the day of the race. All participants must have their entry blanks signed by a parent or guardian. 1-12-93



Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Playing a new tune

This snow sculpture marking the musical talent of newly inaugurated President Clinton placed first in yesterday's sculpting contest at Family Day at Onota Lake, Pittsfield. Its creators are the Phillips family of Pittsfield and Med-

field, who have participated in the annual event for four years. They are, left to right, Martin, Christopher, Anna, Jordan, Tony, Carla (standing directly in front of Tony), Ann, Alissa, Kate and George.

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A snow sculpture of Bill Clinton playing his saxophone took top honors at the Winter Carnival Family Day held Sunday at Burbank Park on Onota Lake. With balmy temperatures in the fifties plus a decent snowfall, the event was among the most successful in recent years.

1-28-93

Riello to host Winter Carnival coronation ball

PITTSFIELD — Police Sgt. Anthony Riello, who heads the department's Community Youth Services Bureau and Pittsfield's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, will serve as master of ceremonies for the 48th annual Winter Carnival Queen's Ball tomorrow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Itam Lodge, chairman Sheryl J. Morehouse has announced.

Music for the event, which includes crowning the Winter Carnival queen, will be provided by Berkshire Sun Audio Productions.

Tickets are still available by calling the Department of Recreation office between 8 and 5. Reservations are suggested and tables will seat 10 people.

Family event slated Sunday at Onota's Controy Pavilion

PITTSFIELD — The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has announced that Family Day has been scheduled for Sunday at the Frank Controy Pavilion at Onota Lake.

Activities will include an ice fishing derby, skating and sled races, a golf-on-ice tournament, a snow sculpture competition, sleigh rides, hot air balloon rides, a bonfire and balloon sculptures.

According to derby chairman William Morehouse, the ice fishing derby will begin at 7:30 a.m. Categories for prizes will include the grand prize for the largest fish; and the top three places for men, women, boys and girls.

Morehouse said all fish should be brought in for weighing and measuring by 3 p.m. Only one prize per person will be allowed. The entry fee is \$2 for adults and free for children. Registration will run from 7 to 11 a.m.

Sled, skating races

Sled races will begin at 1 p.m. and skating races will be held at 2. All types of sleds and skates will be allowed.

Ribbons and trophies will be awarded in both events in the following age groups: ages 5 and under, 6-7, 8-10 and 11-12. All children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult in the sled races.

Registration for the sled races will be held from noon to 1, and skating, noon to 1:30. Both races are free, and entry blanks are

available at the Department of Parks and Recreation office, 874 North St. or at the event.

The golf-on-ice tournament will begin at 1 p.m. under the direction of David Melle. The entry fee is \$1 for adults, and registration will take place near the pavilion. Golf balls will be furnished; however, participants have been asked to bring their own golf clubs. Prizes will be awarded.

A snow-sculpturing contest for families and organization will begin at noon. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place.

The event also will feature free balloons, sleigh and hot air balloon rides. The Pittsfield Fire Department will have a fire engine on display. All children entered in the various competitions will receive a free hot dog and hot chocolate. Refreshments will be available for a nominal fee. The food kitchen will be directed by William and Cheryl Killeen.

The event is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation as part of its 48th annual Winter Carnival. All participants have been asked to use the Lakeway Drive entrance to Burbank Park.

More information on the various activities may be obtained by calling Ron Przedpelski at 447-9768.

Berkshire Ambulance will be on hand at the event for first-aid assistance.

Toboggan races put off

PITTSFIELD — Ronald Przedpelski, chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, has announced that the toboggan races scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 10, have been postponed until weather conditions permit. The races were to be in Osceola Park.

Pittsfield toboggan races tomorrow

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has scheduled toboggan races tomorrow from noon to 3:30 at Osceola Park as part of the 48th annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival. The event is open to residents of Pittsfield and adjoining towns.

Event chairman Ronald D. Przedpelski said the meet will consist of events for two-, three- and four-person toboggans. Each toboggan will make two runs, and the better of the two times will be recorded. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category.

Only wooden, U-shaped toboggans will be permitted. Proper wax should be applied, and participants should wear heavily padded clothing, the chairman said. Toboggans will be available for loan.

Entry forms are available at the Department of Parks & Recreation office at 874 North St. and will be available at the park tomorrow from 11 to noon. Applicants under 18 years of age must have a parent's signature on the entry blank. There is no entry fee. Further information may be obtained by calling Przedpelski at 447-9768.

Winter Carnival toboggan races

Charlie and Daniel Smith of Pittsfield won the two-person competition in the annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival's Osceola Toboggan Run yesterday at Osceola Park. The Smiths finished in 16.36 seconds.

Scott May and Christopher Stall, Nicholas Stall, all of Pittsfield, finished first in the three-person event, completing the course in 15.45 seconds. The four-person event was won by the Pittsfield quartet of Ransom Northrup, Mike Winterkorn, Mike Root and Charles Smith in 16.22.

There were 39 entries on the wet snow track.

The top three finishers in each event are as follows:

- Two-person run**
1. Charlie and Daniel Smith (16.36); 2. Tom Herrmann/Phil Green (16.48); 3. Jason and Mark Hamling (16.52).
- Three-person run**
1. Scott May, Christopher Stall, Nicholas Stall (15.45); 2. Ben Green, Phil Green, Tom Herrmann (15.70); 3. Bill Bolvin, Phil Green, Tom Herrmann (16.58).
- Four-person run**
1. Ransom Northrup, Mike Winterkorn, Mike Root, Charlie Smith (16.22); 2. Dorothy DuPont, Mary Bird, Kathy Farrar, Pat Young (16.968); 3. Phil Green, Ben Green, Mark Hamling, Jason Hamling (16.978).

Auto ice trials slated this weekend

Automobiles will dot Onota Lake on Saturday and Sunday, as the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee sponsors the 32nd annual ice trials as part of the 48th Annual Winter Carnival.

The event is held in cooperation with the Mohawk-Hudson Region of the Sports Car Club of America and Berkshire Motor Sports Club.

The competition, open to all types of automobiles, starts Saturday morning with registration at 9:30 at the Controy Pavilion at Burbank Park. Timed runs will begin at 11 after drive-arounds for course familiarization at 10.

The event is a test of driving skills on ice, and since each car runs separately, there is no danger of collision, an announcement from the committee said. The winding course is approximately a mile long.

Trophies will be awarded for the top third of each class. The classes are as follows, with each duplicated for studded tires: Front engine with rear-wheel drive; front engine with front-wheel drive; rear engine with rear-wheel drive; four-wheel drive, other specialized vehicles.

Helmets must be worn and seat belts used. The entry fee is \$10. Clark W. Nicholls of Lee, the chairman, can be reached at 494-3561 or 243-3433.

Conn. driver fastest at ice trials

Timothy B. Mather of Newington, Conn., posted the fastest time Sunday in the Pittsfield Winter Carnival auto ice trials on Onota Lake. Driving a 1991 Nissan Sentra SE, he completed the 1.6-mile course in one minute, 56.065 seconds. He was competing in the category for front engine, front wheel drive with studded tires.

The event, hosted by the Mohawk Hudson Region of the Sports Car Club of America and the Berkshire Motor Sports Club, attracted 32 drivers. Each driver made five timed runs around the course.

Other category winners are as follows:

- Front engine, front wheel drive, unstudded: Peter Nixon, Pittsfield, Mercury Sable station wagon, 2:29.513.
- Dune buggy with studded tires: John Fairweather, Pittsfield, Volkswagen base, 2:04.71.
- Front engine, rear drive, studded: David Cook, Housatonic, 1975 Opel Manta, 2:08.775.
- Four wheel drive, unstudded: Bob Green, Falls Village, Conn., Jeep Cherokee, 2:20.450.
- Rear engine, rear drive, studded: Robert Moser, Pittsfield, Fiat X-19, 2:10.723.
- Rear engine, rear drive, studded, VW squareback: Mark Formel, Great Barrington, 2:17.007.

Onota auto ice trials postponed

The automobile ice trials scheduled today at Onota Lake as part of the 48th annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival have been postponed because of adverse weather conditions. The ice trials, a test of driving skills on ice, have been rescheduled for tomorrow with registration at 9:30 at the Frank Controy Pavilion at Burbank Park and competition beginning at 11.

Indoor speed skating slated Sunday

The Pittsfield Short Track Speed Skating Championships, the final event of the 48th annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival, have been scheduled Sunday beginning at noon at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink in North Adams.

Speed skaters from the Berkshires, the Boston area, New York, New Jersey and Maryland are expected to take part. Skating distances will range from 111 meters for youngsters to 3,000 meters for senior classes, according to event chairman Carl Peaslee. Trophies will be presented to division winners by 1993 Winter Carnival queen Trinity Finn. Admission for spectators is free.

Family day attracts 2,500 to Onota Lake

PITTSFIELD — An estimated 2,500 people attended family day Sunday at the Controy Pavilion at Onota Lake, according to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The event was held in conjunction with the 48th annual Winter Carnival sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee. It was organized by Ron Przedpelski, chairman of the Winter Sports Committee.

Among the activities offered were sleigh rides, hot air balloon rides, a snow sculpture contest, sled races, golf on ice, an ice fishing derby and refreshments.

The fishing derby attracted 48 children and 32 adults. A total of 36 fish were checked in, and prizes were given for the longest fish and to winners of various age categories. The top prize was awarded to Doug Melle for a 22½-inch pickerel. The prizes and grab-bag gifts were donated by McCloskey's Bait & Tackle on Wahconah Street.

The results of the various competitions are as follows:

► **Snow Sculpture Contest:** 1. George, Anna, Alissa, Marty, Anne, Kate, Chris, Tony, Carla and Jordan Phillips, for their sculpture of President Clinton with his saxophone; 2. Karen, Erik, Jason, Dana and Alissa Felthausen, Stegosaurus; 3. Bobby Healey Jr., and Kelly and Adam Healey, volcano.

► **Golf on ice:** 1. Steve Munger, 29; 2. tie between Bill Morehouse and Peter Vacchina, 32; 3. tie between Tim Garner and June Corsere, 34.

Sled races

► **Best overall:** Molly Northrup, girls 5 and under; Patrick Northrup, boys 5 and under; Shonleigh Williams, girls ages 6-7; Adam Pires, boys ages 6-7; Megan Eddy, girls ages 8-10; Erik Felthausen, boys ages 8-10; Jessica Flynn, girls ages 11-12, and John Lewis, boys ages 11-12.

► **Girls 5 and Under:** 1. Amy Gage; 2. Elizabeth Goggins; 3. Nicole Farrar.

► **Boys 5 and Under:** 1. Timothy Goggins; 2. Eddi Pezze; 3. Michael Dobson.

► **Girls ages 6-7:** 1. Nicole Wheeler; 2. Kristi-Lee Sprague.

► **Boys ages 6-7:** Eric Wigglesworth; 2. Dana Felthausen; 3. Michael Candelet.

► **Girls ages 8-10:** 1. Alison Robertson; 2. Lynn Wesley; 3. Heather Toole.

► **Boys Ages 8-10:** 1. Jason Felthausen; 2. Ryan Williams; 3. Jim Winters.

► **Girls Ages 11-12:** 1. Ryann Kennedy.

► **Boys Ages 11-12:** 1. Sean Depson; 2. Brandon Williams; 3. Shaun Utter.

Fishing derby

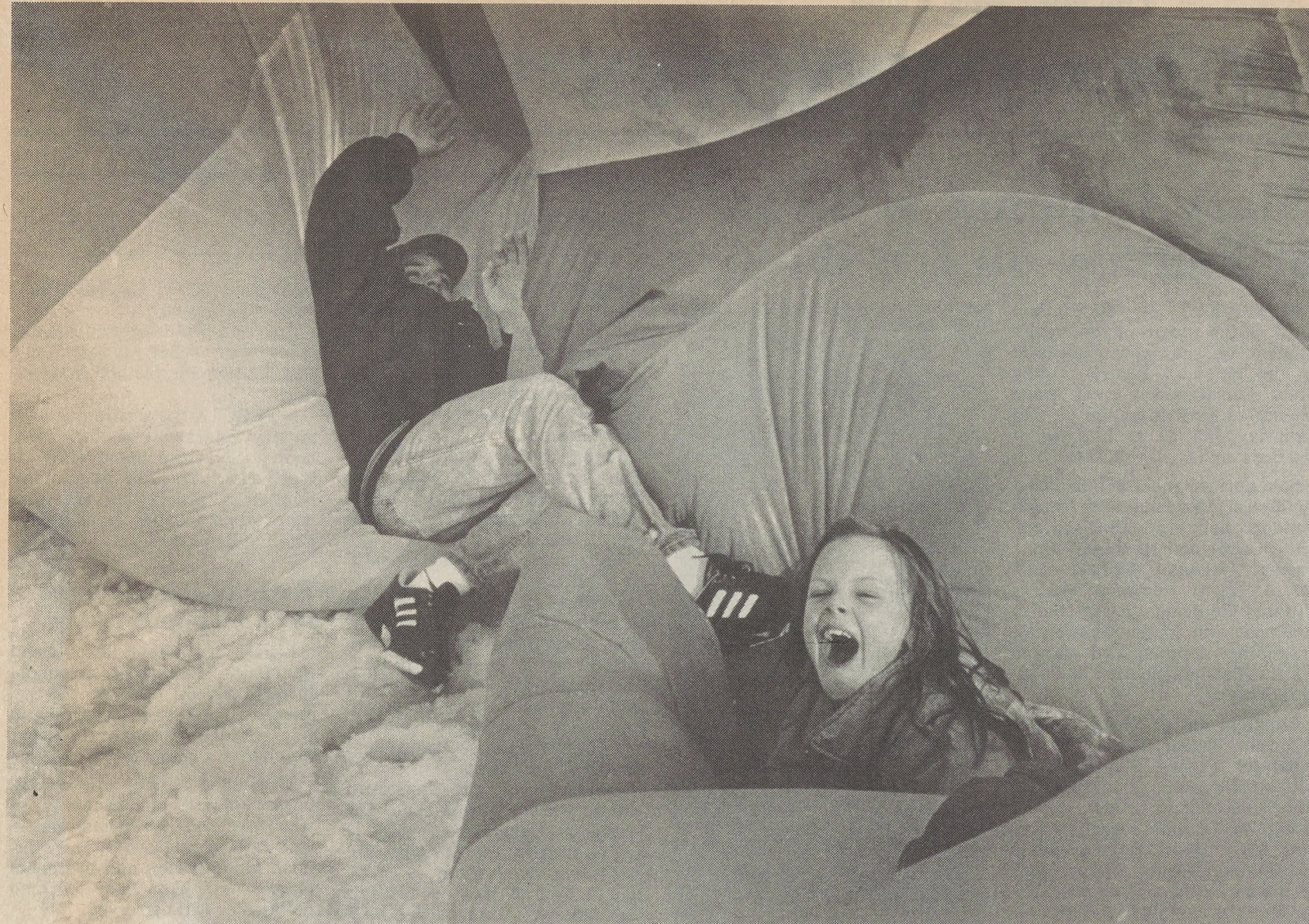
► **Grand prize:** Doug Melle, 22½-inch pickerel.

► **Men's division:** Thomas Morrow, 22-inch pickerel; 2. Dave Gary, 17¼-inch pickerel; 3. Russ Gates, 15½-inch pickerel.

► **Women's:** 1. Anne Stevens, 15½-inch pickerel; 2. Jadene Alphonso, 15¼-inch bass.

► **Boys:** 1. Dustin Depson, 19½-inch pickerel; 2. Mike Dobson, 19-inch pickerel; 3. Bob Stevens Jr., 19-inch pickerel.

► **Girls:** 1. Andrea Barnes, 19¼-inch pickerel; 2. Jodi Melle, 15½-inch pickerel; 3. Marcy Depson, 15½-inch pickerel.



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Craig Depson, 14, and Natalie White, 8, both of Pittsfield, flop around in massive inflatable sculpture during family

day at Onota Lake Sunday. George York of Portland, Maine, created the air-filled wonder.

Winter committee sets weekend family events

The return of snow to Berkshire County bodes well for this weekend's Winter Sports Committee events, which have been plagued by a snow shortage in recent years.

Saturday marks the return of toboggan races to Osceola Park while Sunday features a full state at Family Day activities at Burbank Park.

Ronald D. Przedpelski, chairman of the toboggan races said that Saturday's 3 p.m. meet will consist of events for two, three and four-person toboggans. Each toboggan will make two runs, and the better of the two times will be recorded. Racers may enter more than one category.

Przedpelski said that only wooden, U-shaped toboggans will be permitted, and proper wax should be applied, according to snow and weather conditions, and that people participating should wear heavily padded clothing. Toboggans will be available for loan.

Entry forms are available at the Department of Parks and Recreation office at 874 North Street and will be available on Saturday at the park from 11 a.m. to noon. Applicants under 18 years of age must have a parent's signature on the entry blank. There is no charge to enter this event.

Categories for prizes for the Ice Fishing Derby will be grand prize for largest fish, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for men, women, boys and girls, largest fish of any species for each division. All fish regardless of size should be brought in for weighing and measuring by 3 p.m. Only one prize per person will be allowed. Bill Morehouse will be chairman of the derby which will have a \$2 entry fee for adults. Children will be free of charge. Registration will be between 7 and 11 a.m.

Sliding Races will begin at 1 p.m. and skating races will be held at 2 p.m. Any type sleds and skates will be allowed. Age groups for the two events will be 11 & 12, 8 to 10, 6 & 7 and under 6. In the under 6 age groups in the sled races, children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration for the sliding will be noon to 1 p.m. and skating from noon to 1:30 p.m. Entry blanks will be available at the Controy Pavilion at noon on Sunday. Ribbons and Trophies will be awarded in each division.

At 1 p.m. a Golf on Ice tournament will begin with Dave Melle in charge. Registration will take place on the lake in the vicinity of the pavilion with a \$1 entry fee for all adults. Golf balls will be furnished and prizes will be awarded. Participants should bring their own golf clubs.

A snow sculpturing contest for families and organizations will begin at noon. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st through 3rd place winners.

In addition to the competitive ac-



tivities there will be free balloons, sleigh rides, and Hot Air Balloon Rides. The Pittsfield Fire Dept. will have a fire engine on display. All children entered in the various activities will receive a free hot dog and hot chocolate. Refreshments will be available at a nominal fee. The food kitchen will be under the direction of Bill and Cheryl Killeen.

Access to the event must be made via the Lakeway Drive entrance to Burbank Park off Valentine Road.

The toboggan races and Family Day activities are sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation as part of the 48th Annual Winter Carnival.

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2-6-93

Trinity Finn crowned Winter Carnival queen

By D.R. Bahlman
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Trinity Finn, a Taconic High School senior, was crowned queen of the city's 48th annual Winter Carnival last night at the Itam Lodge.

Finn, 17, was crowned by the outgoing carnival queen, Tonia Polidoro. Finn's lady-in-waiting, 17-year-old Jill Bourassa, a senior at Pittsfield High School, was crowned by Stacie Meyer, the outgoing lady-in-waiting.

The new queen was wearing a silk, hand-beaded sheath gown. Her escort was Gary Sperlonga.

Bourassa, wearing an emerald green velvet, off-the-shoulder, eyelet-trimmed gown, was escorted by Darin Almeida.

In her role as carnival queen, Finn will preside over the remaining events of the winter carnival.

The new queen, her lady-in-waiting and the five other contestants, were given a variety of gifts after the coronation ceremonies. Each contestant received a color photograph of herself and a bracelet, along with gift certificates and other items donated by local merchants.

Finn, who sold the most winter carnival buttons — 1,600 — received a cash award.

In all, the seven contestants sold 8,210 buttons, bringing in \$4,105 to help support events associated with the carnival, which is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The money also goes to assist local competitors in state, regional and national contests.

Cheryl Morehouse was chairman of last night's event; Pamela Delmolino was chairman of the contest for queen. Anthony Riello was master of ceremonies, and the contest was judged by Michael Crowley of Lanesboro, Nicholas Campanale of Pittsfield and Barbara Rohan of Ware.

Finn is the daughter of Paula J. McLean and James Finn of Pittsfield. At Taconic, she is a cheerleader and a member of the Pep Club and the student senate. Employed by Roger D's Pharmacy, which also sponsored her in the contest, she hopes for a career in real estate. She is enrolled as a special student at Berkshire Community College, where she is taking a business course after school.

Bourassa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palardy of 335 Benedict Road and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bourassa of Cherry Plain, N.Y. At PHS, she has participated in three voice recitals and a play to benefit the homeless. She plans to become an OB-GYN nurse, and hopes to become a midwife. Her sponsor for the contest was the Scenic Screen of Pittsfield, where she is employed. At last night's event, Bourassa also was named Miss Congeniality.



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2-6-93

The new queen

Trinity Finn, a Taconic High School senior, was crowned queen of Pittsfield's 48th Winter Carnival last night. Jill Bourassa, a Pittsfield High senior, was selected as lady-in-waiting. Story, B2.



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1-24-93

What a rush!

Dorothy DuPont, front, of Hancock and Kathleen Farrar of Pittsfield make their happy way downhill at Osceola Park during toboggan races yesterday. The two combined with two other women to take second place in the four-person slide.

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Two in tow

After sledding, Michael Sawicki, an off-duty Pittsfield firefighter, walks across Clapp Park with his children Alex, 2, and Whitney, 6.



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Snow day

While some adults were grumbling about the added snowfall, these Egremont School youngsters were jubilant as they went sliding at Clapp Park in Pittsfield on their day off yesterday.

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Skating in the new year

Two skaters brave New Year's Day chill to skate on the Pittsfield Common on First Street.

1/3/93

Learn-to-skate program registration to be held

PITTSFIELD — The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club, with the Department of Parks and Recreation, will conduct a learn-to-skate program during the Christmas school vacation.

The program, which is open to Pittsfield children, will run Monday, Dec. 27, through Thursday, Dec. 30, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Pittsfield Boys' and Girls' Club Rink.

Registration will be Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the Parks Department office, 874 North St. The fee is \$15 for the four sessions, and registration will be limited to the first 75 skaters.

11-29-93



This is Elizabeth Rogers' winning design for the button for Pittsfield's 49th annual Winter Carnival.

Fifth grader Elizabeth Rogers wins Winter Carnival contest

PITTSFIELD — Barbara Sherman, chairwoman of the 49th annual Winter Carnival, has announced the winners of the carnival's button design contest, who were chosen by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee on Wednesday.

Overall winner, whose design will be used on the buttons and fliers, was Elizabeth Rogers, a 5th grader at Highland School. She will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Berkshire Mall.

Runners-up, all of whom re-

ceived \$25 gift certificates to the mall, and their categories follow:

► Kindergarten through Grade 2: Michelle Kickery, Grade 2, Egremont School.

► Grades 3-5: Meghan Eddy, Grade 5, Highland School.

► Grades 6-8 (tie): Dan Knapp and Erin Hepp, both of Grade 7, Notre Dame Middle School.

► Grades 9-12: Agnes Collins, Grade 12, St. Joseph's High School.

There were 238 entries, according to Sherman.

1976 winner named to head Winter Carnival queen contest

PITTSFIELD — Ronald Przedpelski, chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, has announced that Pamela Delmolino is the chairwoman of the annual queen's contest.

Delmolino, the 1976 Winter Carnival queen, has been chairwoman since 1978. She is also secretary of the Winter Sports Committee.

Applications for the queen's contest are now available to single girls 17 through 21 years old who live, attend school or work in Pittsfield or live in an adjoining town.

Selling buttons

Contestants must sell a minimum of 1,000 Winter Carnival buttons in order to be eligible for judging on the evening of the queen's coronation ball, Feb. 12 at the Itam Lodge.

A Miss Congeniality will be selected by the contestants, and the one who has sold the most buttons will receive a special gift.

The sale of buttons is a separate contest and has no bearing on the judging. The contestant who accumulates the highest score during the judging will be

crowned queen; the contest with the second-highest score, lady-in-waiting.

Applications, contest rules, regulations and more information are available from Delmolino at her home at 170 Maple Grove Drive. Applications are also available at the Department of Parks and Recreation office, Springside House, 874 North St.

Deadline for returning applications to Delmolino is Monday, Dec. 20. 12-5-93

Fighting the Common cold



Pittsfield firefighter Dan Robbins, hooded against the bitter cold, sprays water onto the Common off First Street to get it in shape for ice skating. Weather story, Page B1. 12-29-93

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Good skates

2-13-93
Three friends play a little pickup hockey recently at Pittsfield's Springside Park. They used the shovel in foreground to clear the ice.



Pittsfield speed skater Mary Lou DiNicola, shown in 1988 action, became the first women's Grand Masters champion last weekend at the National Long Track Championships at Lake Placid, N.Y.

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Skater DiNicola adds special title

Wins first 'Grand Masters' national ^{2/4/93}

By Howard Herman
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — It's not like speed skater Mary Lou DiNicola hasn't won national titles before, but her win last weekend at the National Long Track Speed-skating Championships at Lake Placid, N.Y., was a special one.

DiNicola, who has three national and three North American skating titles to her credit, won the inaugural national championship in the Grand Masters Women's class over the weekend. DiNicola, 53, bested three other skaters in the age 50-and-older division.

"I feel good about being the first champion in the Grand Masters women's event," said DiNicola, a member of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club. "I

started training this summer and did a lot of work on my bike. I just feel if you work hard at something, hard work can pay off."

She swept all four races in the Grand Masters women's division, winning the 500 meters in 50.44 seconds, the 800 in one minute, 26.60 seconds, the 1,000 in 1:50.62 and the 1,500 in 2:43.59. The races were held on a 400-meter oval track.

The weekend competition, open to all amateur speed skaters, attracted 148 skaters from throughout the United States. The Olympic-level skaters in the younger age groups, while eligible for the National Long Track Championships, train and compete on a higher level.

SKATER, continued on C3

DiNicola wins at nationals ²⁻⁴⁻⁹³

■ SKATER, from C1

According to DiNicola, former junior world racer Christian Talbot of Saratoga, N.Y., was the only racer of the international level to compete at Lake Placid.

The four wins assured a championship for DiNicola, but she's also pleased because her winning times are in the record books.

"Now it's up to someone to come along and break them — I set the pace," she said. "I really went out from start to finish. Winning was the first goal, but I was going out for the times."

"It's something for others to shoot for next year."

Of her four victories, DiNicola said she preferred skating the 1,000- and 1,500-meter races. Her favorite is the 3,000 meters, but that is not contested in the Grand Masters class.

The Amateur Skating Union, at its convention last summer, approved the establishment of the

new women's division to go along with the Grand Masters men. Up until now, the Grand Masters women had to skate in the Masters division, for racers age 35-50.

"It seems like the time is coming where older women are getting into skating. There are more women coming into the Masters division," said DiNicola, adding that those Masters women now have another division to compete in.

A former Pittsfield Parks team member, Joe Franz of Vermont, won the Senior Men's title at Lake Placid by taking firsts in the 800, 1,000 and 3,000 meters, and seconds in the 500 and 1,500. His parents reside in Cheshire.

At a Saturday banquet, Pittsfield speed skating officials Mary Smith and Pat and Carl Peaslee were honored by the Northern New York speed skaters for the support they have given to the sport.

Indoor speed skating draws 76

A field of 76 skaters from throughout the Northeast took part in the Pittsfield Short Track Speed Skating Championships on Sunday at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink in North Adams. It was the concluding event of the 48th annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival.

Top finishes by Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club members are as follows:

Pee Wee girls: Theresa Sime, 3rd overall, 2nd 333, 3rd 111.
Midget girls: Kate Farry, 3rd overall, 2nd 333, 2nd 500, 3rd 777.
Pony boy: Danny Fonseca, 3rd 333.
Novice pee wee girl: Kayla Farry, 2nd overall, 2nd 111, 222 and 333.
Pony novice: Tyler Farry, 2nd overall, 1st 222, 2nd 333 and 444.
Midget novice: Anne Rieilo, 2nd overall, 2nd 222, 333 and 444.

2-25-93

Speed skaters offer learn-to-skate program

PITTSFIELD — The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club has announced that there are vacancies in its learn-to-skate program to be held during Christmas vacation.

The program, for children of any age, will be held Monday, Dec. 26, through Thursday, Dec. 30, from 11:45 to 12:45 at the Boys' & Girls' Club rink. Cost is \$15.

According to an announcement from the club, children must provide their own skates and a wear gloves or mittens and a helmet; bike helmets are acceptable. No double runners will be allowed, the announcement said.

Pre-registration may be made at the Department of Parks and Recreation office, 874 North St., Monday through Friday from 9 to 5.

12-8-93

Pittsfield club earns skating titles

Four members of the Pittsfield Speed Skating Club earned division championships at the Eastern Associations' Challenge Cup speed skating competition, held Saturday and Sunday at Lansing Chapman Rink in Williamstown.

Arthur Ruff won the master men's B championship, John Miraglia won the senior men's B championship and Kayla Farry won the pee wee girls' championship. In the novice races, Kory Sandstedt won the under-12 competition.

Also in the novice competition, the Pittsfield club's Tyler Farry was second in the under-12 and Erica Olson was second in the 12-older division.

Other top finishers from the Pittsfield Speed Skating Club: earning third-place finishes were Mary Lou DiNicola in the master women's A division, Kate Farry in the juvenile girls' division and Theresa Sime in the pony girls. Jennynne Tremblay and Daniel Fonsica took fourth place in the midget girls' and boys' races.

The Middle Atlantic Skating Association sponsored the competition on a 111-meter track at the Williams College rink. There were 125 competitors, ranging in age from 7 to over 60.

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Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Clear purpose

Speed skater Kurt Kuehnell shovels drifted snow from 400-meter track on the inlet near the Onota Lake causeway.



Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Grand masters flash

Mary Lou Nicola, at left, and Arthur Ruff, members of the Pittsfield Speed Skating Club, practice for the grand mas-

ters competition they plan to enter this weekend at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Speed skating elects Tremblay

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club elected Suzanne Tremblay president at its recent awards program at the Italian American Club. Mary Lou DiNicola was elected vice president and Pat Peaslee secretary/treasurer. Awards were presented to the following skaters:

Most Improved — Tony Riello; Rookie of the year — Danny Fonseca; Sportsmanship — Anne Riello; Most determined — Jennye Tremblay; Registered skaters scoring the most points — Tim Sime, male, and Theresa Sime, female; Novice skaters scoring the most points — Tyler Farry, male, and Kala Farry, female.

4/18/93

Speed skating club meets Wednesday

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club has scheduled an organizational meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St. All returning skaters who need skate rentals should attend the meeting for fittings.

Further information about the club and its activities may be obtained from Pat Peaslee, 116 Shore Drive, Pittsfield.

9-25-93



Leslie Noyes / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Ride 'em, cowgirl

Mary Dropkin-Frank, 9, of New Lebanon, N.Y., hangs on as her sled bucks like a bronco while she takes a bump in fresh snow on the Clapp Park hill in Pittsfield yesterday.

2-23-73



GIRLS
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Pittsfield sets girls' softball sign-up

The Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation has scheduled registration for its girls' softball league at Springside House, 874 North St., on April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

To be eligible, girls must be at least 9 years old by Sept. 1, but not yet 17 by Aug. 31. A birth certificate or baptismal certificate will be required at registration. There is a \$5 registration fee and \$5 equipment fee, and a parent or guardian must accompany each player at registration.

Further information may be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation, 499-9343.

Girls' Softball 7/4/93

PARK DEPARTMENT GIRLS

Red Sox 15, Athletics 0. Sox — Karen Smegal 3 hits, 4 RBIs; Kristen Leonard 3 hits; Lisa Herrick HR, 3 hits, 3 RBIs.

Orioles 20, Dodgers 2. O's — Colleen Doyle and Greta Noble 3 hits; Erika Eason 4 RBIs. Dodgers — Kate Righi HR, 2 RBIs.

Orioles 3, Cardinals 2 (11 innings). O's — Tarah Doyle 3 hits; Colleen Doyle 2 hits. Cards — Amy Valez 3 hits; Angie Kerr HR.

Registration set for girls' softball league 4-22-93

The Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation will hold registration for the Girls' A.S.A. Softball League will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday from 6 to 8 p.m., at Springside House.

To be eligible, girls must be at least 9 years of age by September 1, but not 17 before August 31. A birth certificate or baptismal certificate will be required at registration. There is also a \$5 registration fee and \$5 equipment fee. A parent or guardian must accompany each player to the registration.

For further information, contact the Parks Department at 499-9343.

Pittsfield softball tryouts tomorrow

Tryouts for the Pittsfield Parks Department's age 13-14 all-star softball team have been scheduled tomorrow at noon at Taconic High School.

For more information, one may contact the Parks Department at 499-9343.

Girls' softball all-star tryouts set

The Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation has scheduled tryouts for its girls' 12-and-under softball all-star team at Benedict Road Field on Saturday from 11 to 1 and Sunday from noon to 2.

Big week for city girls' softball 7-20-93

Team 3rd in states; funds for nationals grow; tourney set

By Bob McDonough
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Simply put, it's a big week for girls' softball in Pittsfield.

► A Pittsfield 12-and-under team finished third in a state softball tournament last weekend, posting a 3-2 record in Greenfield.

► A Pittsfield 16-and-under team placed fourth in the state tournament at Greenfield.

► The Pittsfield 14-and-under team that won the recent Amateur Softball Association New England national qualifier has a new name and has passed the \$5,000 mark in its bid to raise \$8,500 for its trip to the nationals in Ohio.

► The entire Pittsfield Parks Department program is gearing up for its annual tournament this weekend, which will feature about 20 girls' teams from throughout New England and New York for its two-day run Saturday and Sunday at the Berkshire County Softball Complex.

All-stars finish third

The Pittsfield girls' all-stars coached by Janice Farrell went 3-0 at Murphy Park in Greenfield on Saturday, including a dramatic eight-inning win over Amherst, before dropping their final two games on Sunday in the state 12-and-under tournament.

Pittsfield opened with a 15-4 rout of Frontier, as winning pitcher Ashley Zanonato struck out three, Erin Michaels drove in six runs with a triple and two doubles and Heather Capitanio added three hits.

Next came the dramatic win over Amherst, as Pittsfield built a 5-0 lead, watched as Amherst tied it and loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh inning, then won it in the

first extra inning on Elaine Cetti's RBI single. In the seventh, Zanonato loaded the bases and went to 3-0 counts on the first two batters before inducing a pop fly, a strikeout and a grounder to end the threat. The game ended on a double play, as second baseman Megan Doyle gunned down Amherst's potential tying run at the plate. Kristen Massimiano had two hits and Jodi Melle two RBIs for the winners.

In Saturday's finale, Pittsfield routed Easthampton 12-0 as Zanonato pitched a four-hitter, Melle had a grand slam, triple and two-run double, Leanne Davis had three hits and four RBIs and Michaels added a homer and triple.

Sunday wasn't as smooth, as Pittsfield lost 8-3 to Greenfield and 8-5 to Amherst. Ryan Kennedy had a homer and Davis three hits against Greenfield, while Capitanio had three hits and two RBIs and Kate Cella a three-run double against Amherst.

16-and-under team 1-2

In the 16-and-under state Junior Olympic slow pitch tournament in Greenfield last weekend, the Pittsfield all-stars coached by Lorry Decorie went 1-2 to place fourth in a six-team field.

In the opener, Pittsfield lost 12-4 to Leominster, which broke open a close game with seven runs in the fifth inning. Jen St. John had a three-run homer and drove in all four Pittsfield runs, while Monica Penna and Polly Polidoro each had two hits.

Pittsfield won its next game 12-8 over Easthampton, as Penna had a single, homer and three RBIs, Erin Hinkell and Robin Falkowski had three hits each and Kate Hutchinson had two hits and two RBIs.

Pittsfield was ousted from the double-

elimination event with a 13-1 loss to Amherst.

'Maulers' fund raising in progress

The 14-and-under Pittsfield all-star team coached by Joe McGovern is more than halfway to its goal of raising \$8,500 for its trip to the ASA nationals Aug. 5-8 in Oregon, Ohio.

The team has sold sponsorship of 40 uniform shirts at \$125 each, raising \$5,000 toward its goal, McGovern reported. The \$8,500 is needed to pay for bus transportation, lodging, meals and equipment for the tournament. The team is scheduled to depart for Ohio at 1 a.m. on Aug. 4.

The team's new name is the "Pittsfield Mass. Maulers," decided by a vote of the players, and a team banner is being made to bring to Ohio, McGovern said.

The next fund-raising event planned by the team is a chaperoned dance for youngsters 16 and under Monday from 7 to 11 p.m. at Coasters in Lanesboro. Admission is \$5, tickets will be available at the door and a disc jockey will play music.

Pittsfield tourney this weekend

This weekend, the Pittsfield Parks Department program will host its own annual invitational slow-pitch tournament, with competition in 16-and-under, 14-and-under and 12-and-under divisions. Action in the round-robin event will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through late evening Saturday, then resume Sunday at 9 and conclude in the late afternoon.

To help tune up for the national competition, the Pittsfield 14-and-under team will compete in the 16-and-under division both this weekend and again next weekend in a tournament in Northampton, McGovern said.

Pittsfield girls win opener at softball nationals, 6-4

By Bob McDonough
Berkshire Eagle Staff

After just one game, the Mass. Maulers girls' softball team from Pittsfield has accomplished what two other Pittsfield teams were unable to do in national tournaments: It has won a game.

Lisa Herrick went 3-for-4, hit a home run and drove in two runs yesterday as the Maulers rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to score a 6-4 win over the Babes of Strongsville, Ohio, in their opener at the Amateur Softball Association girls' 14-and-under national tournament in Oregon, Ohio.

In 1980, the Pittsfield Merchants went 0-2 in the national 18-and-under tournament in Sioux Falls, S.D., and in 1990,

a Pittsfield 12-and-under team did the same at its nationals in Mississippi.

"The Merchants got blasted, we got blasted [in Mississippi], now we finally got one," said Pittsfield coach Joe McGovern, who was also coach of the 12-and-under team in 1990.

Maulers get 13 hits

Yesterday, Herrick singled and scored to trigger a three-run third inning that eliminated a 2-0 deficit, she homered in the fifth inning and delivered an insurance run with an RBI single in the seventh. Altogether, Pittsfield had 13 hits, including two each by Rachel O'Connell, Marianna Eddy, Kristen Perkins and winning pitcher Leslie Ciepiela, who hurled a seven-hitter with two strikeouts and one walk. Missy Davis and Erinn Rice had the other Pittsfield hits.

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Babes go on top

The Babes went on top 2-0 in the second when Kelly Polick tripled home one run and scored the other on an infield grounder. In the Maulers' third, Eddy hit a leadoff single. She was forced at second on a grounder by O'Connell, who moved up on a single by Herrick. Davis then hit an RBI single, Rebecca O'Connell tied it by scoring Herrick on an infield grounder and Ciepiela made it 3-2 by singling home Davis.

Pittsfield added single runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh. Herrick ripped

her homer down the right-field line in the fifth, Perkins doubled home Kate Righi in the sixth and Herrick's RBI single followed hits by Eddy and Rachel O'Connell in the seventh. The Babes scored their final two runs in the sixth.

The Maulers made only one harmless error, and "defense is key for us," McGovern said, "because we're not that strong a hitting team. We hit the ball, but some of these girls hit it 250 feet over the fence."

Tougher test today

Pittsfield expects a tougher test today, when it plays the Express of Beaver Falls, Pa., at 9 a.m. in the second round.

The Express is a 10-time Pennsylvania state champion that placed eighth in the nationals last year, McGovern said, and won its opener yesterday 18-3 over a team from Illinois.

"We've heard they're one of the teams to beat," said McGovern, who watched the Express play after the Maulers finished their game.

If the Maulers win this morning, they play again at 6 p.m. If they lose, they play at 1:30, then probably face another game if they win in the afternoon. A second loss finishes a team in the double-elimination tournament.

The 56-team tournament is scheduled to continue through Sunday.

Pittsfield team wins softball tourney

Leslie Ciepiela won all five games and drove in seven runs as the Pittsfield Parks Department 14-and-under girls' traveling softball team posted a 5-0 record and won the Paul Caouette Scholarship Invitational softball tournament last weekend in Northampton.

Rachel O'Connell had three hits, Lisa Herrick two hits and Ciepiela drove in four runs as Pittsfield opened with a 9-5 win over Amherst. Next came a 6-1 win over Granite State, in which Herrick had a single, homer, triple and three RBIs, Erinn Rice had three hits, Rebecca O'Connell two hits and Ciepiela pitched a seven-hitter. In the final game Saturday, Ciepiela pitched a six-hitter and drove in three runs with a triple and double, Rachel O'Connell went 4-for-4 with a homer, triple and three RBIs, and Rice had three hits and two RBIs in a 9-5 win over Smithfield, R.I.

Pittsfield then won two games Sunday. Ciepiela pitched a seven-hitter and Kristen Perkins, Kate Righi and Kathleen Berube had two hits each in a 5-3 win over South Deerfield. Pittsfield clinched the title with a 6-2 win over Amherst, as Missy Davis had a single, double, triple and three RBIs, Herrick had three hits and Righi two.

Pittsfield will next compete in a national qualifying tournament July 2-4 in Smithfield, R.I.

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PARK DEPARTMENT GIRLS

Dodgers 33, Pirates 7. Dodgers — Jackie Rembish 10 RBIs; Shannon Barry 4 hits, 8 RBIs. Pirates — Rene Stracuzzi grand slam.

Dodgers 19, Expos 8. Dodgers — Kate Hutchinson 4 hits, 3 RBIs; Shannon Barry 5 hits, 5 RBIs. Expos — Casey Rebeda 2 hits.

Orioles 28, Pirates 18 — Orioles — Colleen Doyle 3 HRs; Erin Ladley 2 HRs. Pirates — Rene Stracuzzi 3 RBIs, Kristen Perkins 2 hits.

Red Sox 14, Cardinals 0. Red Sox — Heather Lipa and Kristen Leonard 3 hits, 3 RBIs.

Red Sox 17, Orioles 2. Sox — Lisa Herrick 4 hits, Kristen Leonard 4 hits.

Athletics 24, Cardinals 19. Athletics — Erin Murray grand slam, Nicole Rapkowicz 3 hits. Cardinals — Danielle Bourdeau 3 hits, 4 RBIs.

Athletics 16, Blue Jays 3. Athletics — Rebecca O'Connell 3 hits, 6 RBIs. Jays — Julie Smith 2 RBIs.

Dodgers 25, Blue Jays 4. Dodgers — Polly Polidoro 4 hits, 3 RBIs; Heidi Morehouse 4 RBIs. Jays — Erin Hinkle 2 hits.

6/20/93

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Pittsfield sets Jr. football sign-ups

Registration for new candidates for the Pittsfield Junior Football League, sponsored by the Department of Parks & Recreation, has been scheduled Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the warming house at the First Street Common.

To be eligible, players must be Pittsfield residents between the ages of 9 and 13. The league is divided into the A Division (ages 12-13) and B Division (ages 9-11). Tryouts will begin Monday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Common. New candidates must attend at least half the tryouts to be selected for a team.

All candidates must obtain a medical waiver from a family physician. Each player must pay a \$10 equipment fee at registration, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at registration.

The league's annual door-to-door ticket sale is scheduled Sunday, Sept. 12. Further information may be obtained from the Department of Parks & Recreation, 499-9343.

8-11-93

Junior football ticket sale is Sunday

The Pittsfield Junior Football League will canvas the city with its annual door-to-door season ticket sale Sunday starting at 10 a.m. All league players and coaches will participate, and all players will be wearing uniform jerseys.

All parents wishing to volunteer should report to the warming house at Pittsfield Common on First Street by 9:30. Drivers are needed.

The league is scheduled to open Saturday, Sept. 18, for the B Division at Reid Middle School, with the A Division opening the next day at Wahconah Park.

9-9-93

Junior football tourney nets \$6,300

The team of Bob Crocker, Tim Breen, Jim Carlo, John Foster and Dick Parker shot 15-under-par 57 to win low gross in the fourth annual Samel's Deli/Pittsfield Junior Football Golf Tournament last week at Berkshire Hills Country Club. The event raised \$6,300 for the football program.

The team of Vin Mangano, Jeff Noble, Rudy Gagliardi, Pete Mancini and John McDermott had 45 to tie for low net with Glen Guachione, Rick Murphy, Jeff Renzi, Joe Kamienski and Terry Kushi.

10-17-93

Football

PITTSFIELD JUNIORS

Giants 30, Browns 6. Browns — Joe Fillo, 69-yard pass from Fred Conyers, Giants — John Sinopoli, 4 touchdowns including 60-yard and 31-yard runs, conversion run; Joe Loftus and Nigel Cross conversion runs.

Rams 8, Lions 0. Rams — Rich Rando recovered fumble for TD in fourth quarter, Derrick Jones conversion run.

10-17-93



Gridiron rookies

9-16-93

With 140 youngsters aged 9 to 13, the Pittsfield Junior Football League is enjoying a strong season. Coordinator John Marchesi says that volunteers are key to the program's success, including county officials who donate their time.

The practices and games at the Common Park in Pittsfield attract a nightly contingent of parents and siblings to the sidelines.

While the focus is on building teamwork and individual skills, some of the lessons are harder to learn than others — including that football is an injury-prone sport. On Tuesday night, many of the young players kept an eye on the sidelines (back of photo), where an ambulance arrived to transport a player who suffered what appeared to be a wrist injury.

Pittsfield minor-league sign-ups set

Registration for Pittsfield minor-league baseball's three divisions will be Saturday from 10 to noon and Monday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Candidates for the North Division should register at the Peck's Road fire station, candidates for the South Division at the Holmes Road fire station and for the West Division at the West Housatonic Street fire station.

Any youngster who will be at least 8 years of age but under age 12 on Aug. 1 is eligible. Proof of eligibility must be presented at registration. All team members will participate in every game.

Volunteers for division administration are needed and can sign up at the registration sessions.

For more information, one may contact Ken Dowsett, at 443-9290.

City Minor League final is today 8-13-93

Lakewood Industries will play Burger King for the Pittsfield Minor League Baseball championship today at 5:30 at St. Mark's School field. Lakewood, from the North League, qualified for the final by edging league round-robin champion Nichols Pharmacy 8-7. Burger King qualified by defeating West League champion Quality Kitchen & P...

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WEST LITTLE LEAGUE

J. Colvin Glass 5, Civitan 0. Karen Carlo (WP) no-hitter and struck out 14.

Silver Screen 17, Parkside 9. Silver Screen — Billy Chapman 2 hits, 4 RBIs, Mike Quetti 2 hits, 2 RBIs. Parkside — Chris Lahart 2 hits including home run and 2 RBIs.

Jimmy's 7, Itam 4. Jimmy's — Mike Beuth, Kyle Ad- rance, Joe Maffuccio all doubled. Itam — Brian Hashim doubled and Mike MacDonald tripled.

J. Colvin Glass 8, Silver Screen 3. J. Colvin — Jeff Bauman (WP) 12 strikeouts, Ed Bishop triple, Bauman double. Silver Screen — Billy Chapman 3 hits, Wes Williamson triple.

Civitan 8, Parkside 2. Civitan — Jim Maloney (WP). Jason Frazier 2 hits, Maloney three hits including a home run. Parkside — Kenny Berkley 2 hits.

SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Stevenson's 7, Burger King 2. Stevenson's — Nick Ramsey (WP), Ryan Niedzwiecki 2 RBIs. Burger King — Rob Curry 2 hits.

ESP 5, Virgilio's 4. ESP — Randy Russell (WP), Joey Yannone 2 hits, Nick Ricciarini 2 hits. Virgilio's — Mike Deleo double, Jake Harrington home run, 3 RBIs.

City Savings 5, Samel's 4. City Savings — Mark Hebert (WP) 5 strikeouts, Andy Sullivan 2 hits, Greg Herman

game-winning RBI.

Burger King 5, Teo's 3. Burger King — Rob Curry (WP), Jeff Shouldice 2 hits, Phil Cohen 3 hits, 3 RBIs. Teo's — Kevin Daury 2 hits, 2 RBIs.

Stevenson's 6, IAC 3. Stevenson's — Ryan Niedzwiecki (WP), Pat Dwyer 2 hits.

CSB 8, Virgilio's 7. CSB — Mark Hebert (WP), Mark Palmer 3 hits including triple, home run and 2 RBIs, Greg Herman double.

ESP 14, Samel's 3. ESP — Randy Russell (WP), Peter Farkas 3 hits including 2 doubles and 4 RBIs, Mark Yannone 3 hits, Matt Farkas 2 hits. Samel's — Justin Smith double and 2 RBIs.

NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Fire Dept. 3, Colt Insurance 2. Fire — Joe Filio (WP) 14 strikeouts, Mike Bramer home run. Colt — Chris O'Neil 11 strikeouts, Shaun Gallagher 2 RBIs.

Allessio Masonry 3, Police Dept. 2. Allessio — Dave Goldenberg (WP) 6 strikeouts, Goldenberg, Joe Allessio 2 hits each. Police — Paul Phelps 12 strikeouts.

Elks Club 9, Pittsfield GE Employees Credit Union 0. Elks — Jason Fields 3 hits and 3 RBIs, Frank Gomes and Eric Auger 2 RBIs. PGECU — Richard Winnett and Pat Forrest 2 hits each.

Elks 6, Allessio's 4. Elks — Frank Gomes 2 hits including game-winner, Jason Fields 3 hits, Allessio's — Todd Borletto and Joe Allessio 2 hits each.

Police Dept. 35, Dave's Sporting Goods 2. Police — Mike Cuniff 4 hits and 5 RBIs, Fred Conyers 3 hits and 3 RBIs.

Fire Dept. 3, Dave's Sporting Goods 2. Fire — Matt Reilly (WP) 12 strikeouts, Joe Filio 2 hits. Dave's — Chris Burke 16 strikeouts and 2 hits.

Colt Insurance 2, PGECU 1. Colt — Ray Cook (WP) 2 hits. PGECU — David Galvagni 3-hitter and 2 hits.

PITTSFIELD SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

City Savings 13, Burger King 1. City — Mark Palmer 2 hits, home run, 3 RBIs; Ryan Hood 2 hits, 1 RBI.

Stevenson's 15, Samel's Dell 6. Stevenson's — Ryan Niedzwiecki (WP) 2 hits; Dan Proskin 2 hits, 2 RBIs. Samel's — Lenny Beaulac 2 hits; Matt Billeaux 2 hits, 2 RBIs, 6 stolen bases.

City Savings 8, Stevenson's 5. City — Mark Palmer (WP) home run, 2 RBIs; Greg Herrman 2 hits, Stevenson's — Ryan Niedzwiecki 2 hits; Matt Mazzer 2 doubles.

Burger King 6, Samel's Dell 2. BK — Robby Curry (WP) and Jeff Shouldice combine for no hitter; Carry Hugabone 1 hit, 1 RBI.

East Side Pizza 10, IAC 0. ESP — Peter Farkas (WP); Nick Ricciarini 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Randy Russell 3 hits, 2 RBIs.

Stevenson's 12, Burger King 2. Stevenson's — Matt Mazzer (WP); Ryan Niedzwiecki 3 hits, 3 RBIs; Joe Kimok 2 hits, 4 RBIs; Tim Nichols triple.

Teo's 9, Stevenson's 4. Teo's — Charlie Flynn (WP) 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Kevin Daury 3 hits, 2 RBIs. Stevenson's — Pat Dwyer double.

Burger King 7, IAC 1. BK — Jeff Shouldice (WP); Robbie Curry 3 hits, double; Hank Bautzman 2 hits.

NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Pittsfield G.E. Employees Credit Union 5, Dave's Sport- ing Goods 2. PGECU — Frank Mahar 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Dave Galvagni 3 innings of 1-hit relief. Dave's — Tony Teti 2 hits.

Allessio Masonry 4, Colt Insurance 0. Allessio — Dave Goldenberg perfect game, 16 strikeouts; Kevin Griffin 2 hits, 3 RBIs.

Fire Dept. 3, Elks Club 1. Fire — Joe Filio and Matt Reilly combine for 1-hitter; Aubrey Cummings triple.

Police Dept. 5, PGECU 0. Police — Jeff Quetti and Paul Phelps combine on 1-hitter; Nick Teti 2 hits; Danny Nolan 2 hits.

Dave's 5, Elks 3. Dave's — Derek Costa, Tony Teti Dave Carmon, Sean Stevens all with 2 hits.

Fire Dept. 14, Allessio's 1. Fire — Joe Filio and Mai Reilly each with 2 RBIs.

Police Dept. 12, Colt Insurance 6. Police — Fred Conyers 2 hits; Paul Phelps 3 RBI. Colt — Ryan Elser 2 hits; Ray Cook 2 hits.

Age 10 all-star team: Colt — Billy Cobb, Ryan Elser; Dave's — Kelly Sadlowski, Sean Stevens; Elks — Andy Mickle; Fire Dept. — Mike Pieropan, Aubrey Cummings; PGECU — Kayla Donnelly, Dave Galvagni, James Losaw, Ryan Beattie. Police Dept. — Steve Wixson, Jeff Quetti, Danny Nolan.

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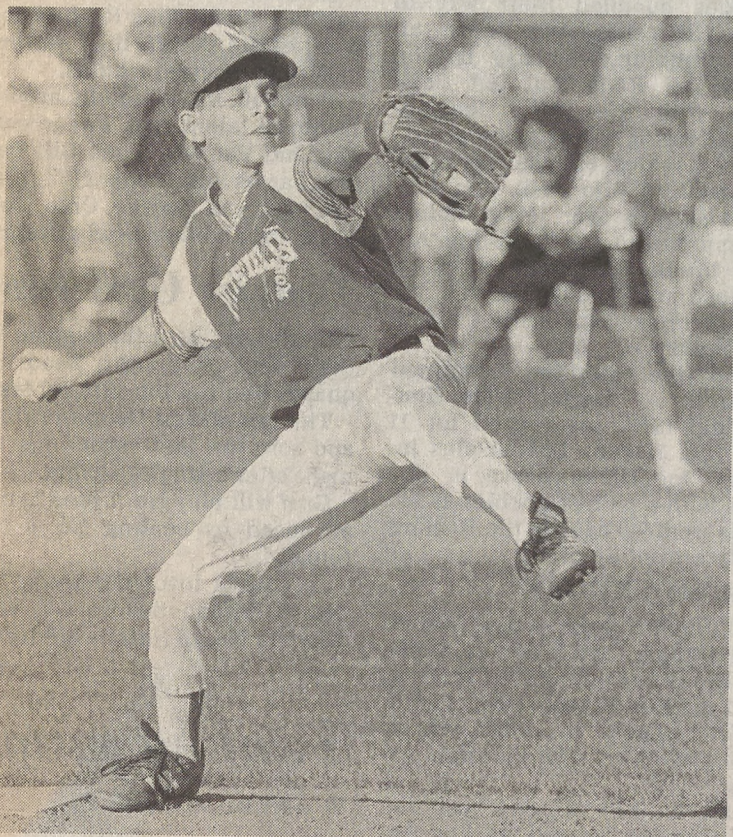


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Pittsfield North's Andy Mickle slides safely into second base during the second inning of yesterday's Berkshire

County 9-10 Little League Jimmy Fund tournament final. Covering on the play is Lee shortstop Dylan Lewis.

North Little Leaguers win 9-10 title 8-13-93



Pittsfield North pitcher Ryan Elser cocks one eye and rears back to fire a pitch during yesterday's championship game of the Berkshire County 9-10 Little League Jimmy Fund tournament.

Pittsfield team holds off Lee 10-9 in county final

By Howard Herman
Berkshire Eagle Staff

ADAMS — Pittsfield North Little League manager Russ Quetti walked off the field with an armful of trophies for his team and absent players, when first baseman Andy Mickle asked him with a laugh, "Don't you have enough trophies?"

There were enough trophies for every member of the Pittsfield North and Lee teams, but it was Pittsfield that took home the championship in the Berkshire County age 9-10 Jimmy Fund Tournament. Pittsfield North held off Lee 10-9 to win the tournament yesterday at Beaver Bard Field. Mickle hit a two-run triple in the bottom of the third inning to break a 4-4 tie.

"I get more nervous with these guys than I ever did playing ball," said Quetti, a former Boston Red Sox farmhand who reached the Class AAA level. "It's a lot of fun, and it was a great tournament. The final game couldn't have been a better game."

Pittsfield North spotted Lee four runs in the top of the second inning, but came back to tie the score in the home second and take the lead for keeps in a three-run third inning. Lee trailed 10-6, but put a serious scare into Pittsfield North with three runs in the top of the sixth inning, before pitcher Dave Galvagni dove and caught Adam Buratto's foul pop in front of the Pittsfield dugout to end the game.

"Our kids are the kind of kids who never give up. They came back fighting hard and they fought it down to the last out," said Lee manager Mario Bona. "I'm proud of the whole team."

The two sides had traded an identical four runs on two hits and two errors in the second inning. Lee went scoreless in the third inning, but Pittsfield North broke away in the home third.

Jeff Quetti led off with a single, and starting pitcher Ryan Elser reached safely on an error. Mickle hit the first pitch from

BASEBALL, continued on C3

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PITTSFIELD NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Colt Insurance 10, Elks Club 4. Colt — Matt Barber 2 hits; Ryan Elser 3 innings of 1-hit relief. Elks — Eric Auger 2 hits.

Pittsfield GE Employees Credit Union 7, Alessio Masonry 6. Credit — Nick Williams and Sarah O'Brien 2 hits; Frank Maher 3 RBIs. Alessio — Todd Borletto, Joe Alessio, Dave Goldenberg, Mike Stubbs 2 hits.

Fire Dept. 9, Police Dept. 7. Fire — Matt Reilly HR, 4 RBIs; Joe Filio 2 hits. Police — Nick Teti 2 HRs; Fred Conyers HR; Jason McKeever, J.T. Perera 2 hits.

Alessio's 1, Dave's Sporting Goods 0. Alessio — Dave Goldenberg no-hitter, 10 strikeouts. Dave's — Chris Burke (LP) 3-hitter.

Police 6, Elks 5. Police — Fred Conyers 2 hits, Nick Teti 2 RBIs. Elks — Andy Mickle 2 hits.

Credit Union 5, Fire Dept. 4. Credit — Frank Maher 3 hits, Matt Mongeon 2 RBIs. Fire — Joe Filio 2 hits.

Dave's 6, Colt 0. Dave's — Tony Teti 2-hit shutout; Chris Burke 4 hits. Colt — Chris O'Neil triple.

All-stars: Colt — Chris O'Neil, Shaun Gallagher, Ray Cook; Dave's — Chris Burke; Alessio — Joe Alessio, Dave Goldenberg; Elks — Jason Fields, Bryan Welch; Fire — Matt Reilly, Joe Filio; Credit Union — Frank Maher; Police — Fred Conyers, Paul Phelps, Nick Teti.

PITTSFIELD SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

East Side 8, City Savings Bank 1. East Side — Joey Yannone (WP); Pete Farkas 3 hits; Nick Ricciarini 2 hits.

Virgilio's 7, Samel's Deli 4. Virgilio's — Mike Delos (WP) 2 hits; Ryan Hitt 2 hits; Chris Ireland HR, 3 RBIs. Samel's — Sean Tucker, Justin Smith 2 hits.

Teo's 19, Italian American Club 3. Teo's — Charlie Flynn (WP) 2 hits; Kevin Daury 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Bill Douillet 2 hits. IAC — Craig LeDuc 2 hits.

East Side 10, Virgilio's 7. East Side — Pete Farkas (WP) 2 hits; Matt Farkas 2 hits. Virgilio's — Brian Ulasz 2 hits.

City Savings Bank 9, Samel's 5. CSB — Mark Hebert (WP) 11 strikeouts; Greg Herman 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Samel's — Lenny Beucier 2 RBIs.

Teo's 6, Burger King 5. Teo's — Kevin Daury (WP), 2 hits, 2 RBIs.

Stevenson 16, Italian American Club 3. Stevenson's — Ryan Niedzwiecki (WP) 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Nick Ramsey 3 hits, 2 RBIs; Dan Proskin 3 hits, 2 RBIs. IAC — Craig LeDuc 2 hits.

PITTSFIELD WEST LITTLE LEAGUE

J. Colvin Glass 10, Friendly 2. Colvin — Karen Carlo (WP) 4-hitter, 15 strikeouts; Chris Lipa 2 hits. Friendly — Ben Piggott 3 hits.

Silver Screen 8, Itam 4. Silver — Aaron Belanger (WP) 2 hits, HR, 2 RBIs; Jason Arsenault, Billy Kenny, Billy Chapman 2 hits. Itam — Brian Hashim 2 hits, 2 RBIs.

Parkside 11, Friendly 7. Parkside — Kenny Berkeley (WP) 3 hits; Chris Lahart 2 hits; HR, 4 RBIs; Dennis Shea and Steve Shaker 2 hits. Friendly — Ben Piggott 3 hits, James Wojtkowski 2 hits.

Jimmy's 7, Civitan 2. Jimmy's — Mike Beuth (WP) 5 strikeouts, 2 hits; Joe Maffuccio 2 hits. Civitan — James Maloney 8 strikeouts, 2 hits; Jason Frazier 2 hits.

Itam 4, Civitan 3 (8 Inn.). Itam — Sean Mullett WP; Phil Tooley and Brian Hashim 1 hit. Civitan — Jimmy Maloney 1 hit, 1 RBI.

Silver Screen 14, Friendly 5. Silver — Aaron Belanger (WP); Billy Chapman 3 hits. Friendly — Matt Mazzeo 2 hits.

Parkside 5, J. Colvin Glass 2. Parkside — Kenny Berkeley (WP) and Chris Lahart combine for 1-hitter; Berkeley 3 hits. Colvin — Chris Lipa double.



Brian Sullivan / Berkshire Eagle Staff

District 1 champions

The Pittsfield South Little League all-stars won this year's District 1 championship. Members of the team include, from left, **FRONT ROW** — Pat Dwyer, Sean Harte, Joey Miller, Bryce Kinnas and Robbie Curry. **SECOND ROW** —

Mark Hebert, Ryan Niedzwiecki, Charlie Flynn, Pete Farkas, Phil Cohen and Joey Yannone. **THIRD ROW** — Mark Palmer, Lenny Beucier and Kevin Daury. **FOURTH ROW** — Coaches Mark Reynolds, Brian Jones and Joe Yannone.

8/3/93

North team wins title

BASEBALL, from C1

Lee starter Joe Deveneau to center, the ball getting behind a diving Dan Hopkins for a two-run triple. Mickie scored on Billy Cobb's bloop single to right, making it 7-4.

Lee cut the lead to 7-6 in the top of the fourth inning with two unearned runs on no hits and three errors, both runs coming home on wild pitches by Galvagni, who took the hill in the fourth. Pittsfield North made it 10-6 with three runs in the home fourth, two coming home on errors and Elser driving home one run with a double.

Last-inning rally

The top of the order faced Galvagni in the top of the sixth. Lee's Thomas Keenan reached on an error, Deveneau was hit by a pitch and Dan McManmon's single loaded the bases. Galvagni ran into a wild streak, walking Dylan Lewis and Hopkins before striking out Jarrod Blache. Bryant LaGrant was walked, making it 10-9. But Junie Pleu struck out,

and Galvagni's diving grab of Buratto's foul pop gave Pittsfield North the win.

Lee sent 10 batters to the plate in the second inning. Pleu and Buratto drove in runs on fielder's choice plays and Deveneau had an RBI single. Lee had the bases loaded with two outs, when Hopkins grounded into the hole between short and third. Pittsfield North third baseman Kayla Donnelly went hard to her left, scooped the ball and forced Dylan Lewis at second base.

Kelly Sadlowski's two-run single keyed Pittsfield North's four-run second inning, which was helped along by a pair of Lee errors.

Winning pitcher Elser led Pittsfield North with two of his team's seven hits. Lee had three hits, McManmon registering two of them.

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Jimmy's 10, Civitan 4. Jimmy's — Mike Beuth (WP), 3 innings, 7 strikeouts, single, triple, home run. Joe Maffuccio 3 innings, 6 strikeouts, triple single; Kyle Adriance 2 hits. Civitan — Jay Frazier (LP); James Maloney 2 hits.

J. Colvin Glass 7, Friendly's 0. J. Colvin — Karen Carlo 3-hit shutout, 3 hits, 1 RBI. Ed Bishop 2 hits. Friendly's — Ryan Maloney (LP); Ben Piggott 2 hits.

NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Alessio Masonry 11, Pittsfield GE Credit Union 5. Alessio — Joe Alessio 3 hits; Todd Borletto and Mike Stubbs 2 hits each; Dave Goldenberg (WP). Credit Union — David Galvagni 2 hits.

Fire Department 2, Police Department 0. Fire — Joe Filio (WP) 9 strikeouts; Matt Reilly 2 hits. Police — Paul Phelps 2 hits.

Elks Club 6, Colt Insurance 1. Elks — Jason Fields and Bryan Welch 2 hits and 2 RBIs each; Alan LaDouceur and Frank Gomes 2 hits each. Colt — Chris O'Neil 3 hits.

Alessio 9, Dave's Sporting Goods 2. Alessio — Ed Bigelow 2 RBIs. Dave's — Chris Burke 2 hits.

Police 8, Elks 5. Police — Mike Cuniff 3 hits, 2 RBIs; Fred Conyers 2 hits, 2 RBIs. Elks — Bryan Welch 2 hits.

Fire Department 12, GE Credit Union 3. Joe Filio 4 hits; Matt Reilly 3 hits, 3 RBIs. Credit Union — David Galvagni 2 hits.

Colt 6, Dave's 2. Colt — Matt Barber 3 hits; Chris O'Neil and John O'Neil 2 hits each. Dave's — Dave Carmon a double.

SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Burger King 6, Samel's Deli 2. Burger King — Jeff Shouldice (WP); Shaun Harte single, double, 1 RBI; Phil Cohen double. Samel's — Matt Beucier (LP) home run.

Burger King 16, IAC 4. Burger King. Rob Curry (WP); Phil Cohen 2 singles; Ryan Brown 2 RBIs. IAC — Jeff Soldato (LP); Joey Miller 2 singles, triple; Craig LeDuc 2 singles, 1 RBI.

East Side Cafe 7, City Savings Bank 6. East Side — Randy Russell (WP); Nick Ricciarini double, 1 RBI. City Savings — Mark Heberts (LP); Greg Herman single, double, 1 RBI.

Teo's 6, Stevenson Insurance 3. Teo's — Charlie Flynn (WP), 2 hits, 1 RBI; Chris Flynn single, double. Stevenson — Ryan Niedzwicki (LP), double, 1 RBI; Jeremy Klein triple.

Teo's 7, Italian American Club 4. Teo's — Charlie Flynn (WP), Kevin Daury double, 1 RBI. Italian American — Craig LaDuc (LP), Joey Miller single, double.

Stevenson's 4, City Savings Bank 3. Stevenson's — Ryan Niedzwicki (WP); Matt Mazzeo triple. CSB — Mark Palmer (LP); Greg Herman 2 singles, Dave Palmer single, triple.

Little League Vegas Night tonight

The Pittsfield Little League will host a Las Vegas Night tonight from 7 to midnight at Itam Lodge on Constitution Avenue. Admission is \$2, and there will be refreshments and door prizes. Proceeds benefit the three leagues.

2-19-93

Little League baseball registration, tryouts planned

Registration for the three divisions of the Pittsfield Little Leagues have been scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and Monday from 6-8 p.m.

New candidates for the North Little League should register at the Pecks Road fire station, for the South League at Holmes Road fire station and for the West League, at the West Housatonic Street fire station.

Any youngster who will be at least 9 years old, but not more than 12 on

August 1, is eligible to play.

Tryouts will be April 3 and 4 and the league will open its season on Sunday, May 2.

Proof of eligibility must be presented at registration.

For further information call the Parks Department at 499-9343.

3-25-93

Pittsfield Little League sign-ups

Registration for the Pittsfield Little League's three divisions has been scheduled from 10 to noon March 27, and from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 29.

New candidates for the North Little League should register at the Peck's Road fire station; new candidates for South Little League should sign up at the Holmes Road fire station, and new candidates for West Little League should register at the West Housatonic fire station.

Any youngster who will be at least 9, but under 12 years of age on Aug. 1, is eligible. Every Little League member will participate in every league game.

Tryouts will take place April 3 and 4. The league will open Sunday, May 2. The league's annual door-to-door candy sale will be Sunday, June 6.

Proof of eligibility must be presented at registration. For further information regarding the Little League, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 499-9343.

3-23-93

North Little League slates tryouts

The Pittsfield North Little League has scheduled tryouts next week at Brown Street Field on Springside Avenue. Tryouts for players age 9 and 10 will be Monday and Wednesday at 5, and for age 11 and 12 on Tuesday and Thursday at 5. All candidates should attend both tryouts for their age group. Eligible players must be at least 9 years old but not yet 13 as of Aug. 1.

Players may register at the tryouts, but they must bring proof of age and permission from a parent or guardian.

4-9-93

Pittsfield South, West triumph

GREAT BARRINGTON — The Pittsfield West and Pittsfield South Little League all-star teams each posted convincing victories last night at the Berkshire County Little League double-elimination tournament being played in Great Barrington.

Pittsfield West won 8-1 over host Great Barrington while Pittsfield South decisioned Dalton-Hinsdale 18-3.

The tournament will resume this afternoon with a pair of games. North Adams will take on Williamstown at 5:30 while Berkshire Hills and Adams are scheduled to start at 5:45.

P. West 8, G. Barrington 1

Jason Frazier struck out one and walked four in recording the pitching victory for West, which struck for seven runs in the first inning and added one more in the sixth. Great Barrington scored its run in the sixth frame.

In the West first, Scooter Baumann, Chris Lipa, Aaron Belanger and Frazier all had doubles to highlight the rally. Joel Blackwell, meanwhile, was

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3-for-3 to pace Great Barrington, which started Sean Van Deusen on the mound.

P. South 18, Dalton-Hinsdale 3

Mark Palmer was at the nucleus of the South win, striking out five to get the pitching victory while authoring a double and triple at the offensive end of the game.

The big inning for South came in the fifth, when the runners hit three home runs and scored five times. Ryan Niedzweicki and Mark Hebert hit back-to-back dingers in the fifth while Kevin Daury added another round-tripper later in the frame.

Joe Yannone added four hits for the winners while losing pitcher Matt Morey's three-run home run in the first was the offensive highlight for Dalton-Hinsdale.

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North Little League meeting tonight

The Pittsfield North Little League has scheduled its annual meeting tonight at 7 at Morningside School for the election of officers for the 1994 season. Anyone interested in volunteering to work for the league should attend or call Pat Hogan (443-3787) for more information.

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Little League

► Dickie Sweeney and Isaiah Schwerin combine for no-hitter as Lenox National wins 10-5 over H&S Auto in Lenox Little League.

► Mike MacDonald strikes out 16 in a losing cause as Itam wins 8-3 over Parkside in Pittsfield West League.

► Matt Reilly pitches a 2-hit shutout, strikes out 14, also has 2 hits as Fire Department blanks Allesio's 2-0 in Pittsfield North League.

► Jeff Tremblay pitches 6-hitter, strikes out 12 as Barrington Savings Bank Dodgers win 5-1 over Taylor Rental Phillies in Berkshire Hills League.

► Jim Maloney and Jason Frazier combine for 3-hitter, striking out 14 as Civitan wins 6-0 over Itam in Pittsfield West League.

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WEST LITTLE LEAGUE

Itam 5, J. Colvin Glass 0. Itam — Mike MacDonald pitched 4-hitter, struck out 11, Kari Daley and Phil Tooley 2 hits; Colvin — Jeff Baumann pitched 5-hitter, struck out 11, Karen Carlo 2 hits.
Silver Screen 14, Friendly's 7. Silver — Mike Quetti 3 hits, 2 RBIs, winning pitcher Aaron Belanger HR, 2 RBIs; Friendly's — Ben Piggott 2 hits, Derek Jones 3-run triple Jimmy's Restaurant 16, Parkside 12. Jimmy's — Carl Chadwell 2 hits, HR, 2 RBIs, winning pitcher Michael Beuth 3 no-hit innings, 6 strikeouts; Parkside — Losing pitcher Chris Lahart 2 HRs, 3 hits, 4 RBIs.
Civitan 5, Friendly's 1. Civitan — Kevin Brennan 2 hits, HR, 3 RBIs, winning pitcher Jason Frazier 8 strikeouts, reliever James Mahoney 3 one-hit innings, 7 strikeouts; Friendly's — Derek Jones and Shaun O'Neil, double.

Itam 8, Parkside 3. Itam — Dennis Shea 2 hits, Mike MacDonald winning pitcher; Itam — Phil Tooley 2 hits, losing pitcher Mike MacDonald 16 strikeouts.

Civitan 8, Silver Screen 5. Civitan — Mark Cimini and winning pitcher Jim Maloney double, RBI; Silver — Aaron Belanger triple, RBI.

Jimmy's 4, Friendly's 1. Jimmy's — Winning pitcher Mike Beuth 2 hits; Friendly's — Shaun O'Neil double.
Silver Screen 5, Jimmy's 4. Silver — Aaron Belanger 3 hits, struck out 8 in 3 innings; Jimmy's — Joe Maffuccio had only hit.

Civitan 6, Itam 0. Civitan — Jim Maloney and Jason Frazier combined for 3-hit shutout, struck out 14, Maloney 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Itam — Mike MacDonald 2 hits.

J. Colvin Glass 17, Parkside 2. Colvin — Karen Carlo pitched 3-hitter, struck out 7, Chris Lipa 2 hits, 3 runs.

NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Elks Club 3, Dave's Sporting Goods 2 — Elks — Jason Fields 2 hits, 2 RBIs, Brian Kennedy 2 hits; Dave's — Mike Dence double.

Fire Department 2, Allesio's 0. Fire — Matt Reilly 2-hit shutout, struck out 14, also had 2 hits; Allesio's — David Goldenberg

pitched 3-hitter, struck out 14.
Police Department 2, Colt Insurance 1. Police — Paul Phelps pitched 3-hitter, struck out 10; Colt — Chris O'Neil pitched 2-hitter, struck out 8.
GE Employees Credit Union 13, Dave's 8. Credit — Dave Galvagni 2 hits; Dave's — Dave Carmon 2 hits, 2 RBIs, Sean Curley 2 hits.
Fire Department 5, Elks 3. Fire — Joe Filio struck out 15, Matt Reilly and Jesse Mole 2 hits; Elks — Jason Fields 2 hits.
Allesio's 6, Colt Insurance 2. Allesio's — Mike Stubbs pitched 2-hitter, Marc Griffin 2 hits; Colt — Ray Cook 1 hit, 1 RBI.
GE Employees Credit Union 7, Police Department 5. Credit — Justin Rando 2 hits, Dave Galvagni winning pitcher; Police — Fred Conyers, Mike Cunniff 2 hits.

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Rain halts Legion, L. League

Rain yesterday wiped out all action in the Berkshire County American Legion Baseball League and the Berkshire County Little League Tournament.

The Legion game featuring South Berkshire at Pittsfield Post 68 has been rescheduled for today at 5:30 at Clapp Park.

The rain also backed up the Little League tournament for a day. Yesterday's games featuring Pittsfield West vs. Pittsfield South and Williamstown vs. Adams have been rescheduled for today at 5:30 at Olympian Meadows in Great Barrington.

Today's scheduled games featuring Great Barrington vs. Dalton-Hinsdale and Pittsfield North vs. Lanesboro have been moved to tomorrow. A complete revision of the schedule will be distributed to team representatives today.

Adams, P. South triumph

GREAT BARRINGTON — Adams and Pittsfield South each used the long ball to post victories yesterday in the Berkshire County Little League tournament being played at the Great Barrington Little League field.

Little League

Adams edged Williamstown 7-6 in seven innings while Pittsfield South defeated Pittsfield West 13-6. Games today include Great Barrington vs. Dalton-Hinsdale at 5:30 and Pittsfield North against Lanesboro at 5:45.

Adams 7, Williamstown 6

There was plenty of drama in this contest, with winning pitcher Rob Armata stroking a long home run with two outs in the home seventh to provide the game-winning run. Armata had homered in the fifth to give Adams a 6-4 advantage, but a clutch two-run home run in the top of the sixth by Williamstown's Chris George sent the game into extra innings.

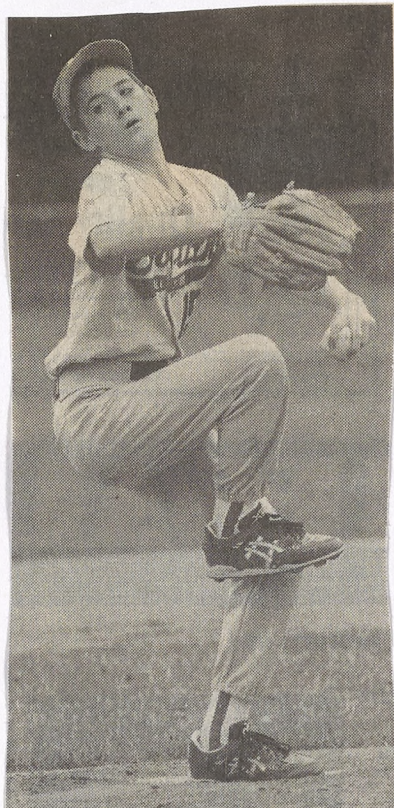
Armata and Williamstown starter Jonah Bayliss each pitched complete games, with Armata striking out seven and Bayliss whiffing nine.

South 13, West 6

Kevin Daury pitched a complete game for Pittsfield South, striking out four. Daury was also part of a prolific offensive attack that featured five home runs. Joining Daury with round-trippers were Joe Yannone, Mark Palmer, Phil Cohen and Joey Miller. Yannone added a pair of doubles for the winners.

Scooter Bauman started for the West team, which received a 4-for-4 performance from Kenny Berkeley, who had 3 RBIs.

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Leslie Noyes

Pittsfield wins 1-27-93

Kevin Daury pitched Pittsfield South to county Little League championship last night in 25-1 victory over Adams. Story, C1.

South all-stars go down

LEOMINSTER — There's little room for error in a single-elimination tournament. That's what the Pittsfield South all-stars found out yesterday, when they dropped a 7-3 decision to Burkett of Worcester in a state Little League tournament game played at Barchand Field.

Little League

Pittsfield, which had outscored its last two opponents by a 44-5 count, ran into a couple of effective curveball artists by the names of Joe Zroteau and Tim Lahey, who combined to hold the South team to three hits.

"Both of the Worcester kids threw well," South coach Joe Yannone said. "And they caught us looking a lot."

Indeed, the eight strikeouts suffered by the South team were probably more than had been recorded in the six previous post-season games.

Burkett broke open the game by scoring five runs in the second inning. Errors played a big part in the rally, with starting Pittsfield hurler Mark Palmer giving up just two earned runs in the game. Palmer, who pitched a complete game, allowed seven hits overall.

Burkett's Zroteau had a streak of wildness in the fifth, when Pittsfield cut the lead to 5-3. Palmer had an RBI single in the inning, while bases-loaded walks were issued to Ryan Niedzwiecki and Phil Cohen. But Lahey relieved Zroteau and got out of the inning and retired the South team in order in the sixth to end the game.

Mike Callahan, meanwhile, delivered a big two-out, two-run single in the home fifth to give Burkett a 7-3 lead.

Cohen and Charlie Flynn had the other Pittsfield South hits.

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Pittsfield South, West advance with wins

GREAT BARRINGTON — Pittsfield South remained undefeated to reach the championship game, and Pittsfield West also advanced last night, as both posted victories in the Berkshire County Little League tournament at Olympian Meadows.

Mark Palmer homered and pitched a six-hitter as Pittsfield South clubbed Adams 17-6 in a battle of unbeaten teams in the winner's bracket.

Jason Frazier pitched a four-hitter as Pittsfield West eliminated Great Barrington 4-3 in the loser's bracket final.

Pittsfield West and Adams will battle today at 10:30, with the loser eliminated and the winner going on to face Pittsfield South on Monday at 5:30 in the championship game. If South should lose that game Monday, a decisive final game would be played be-

Little League

tween the same teams Tuesday at 5:30.

South 17, Adams 6

Palmer struck out six, added a single to his homer and reached base four times as Pittsfield South ran its tournament record to 5-0.

Peter Farkas added two hits and Bryce Kinnas a home run for South.

West 4, Gt. Barrington 3

Chris Lahart's two-run single in the fifth inning snapped a 2-2 tie and led the West into the next round of the playoffs. The first baseman also made a back-handed, run-saving stop to help keep the game tied 2-2 in the

fourth.

Frazier struck out nine en route to his complete-game, four-hitter, and Chris Lipa added two hits for West.

Losing pitcher Joel Blackwell

struck out seven in a complete-game effort and also added a home run. Sean Van Deusen's home run in the sixth inning for Great Barrington cut the deficit to 4-3.

Little Leaguers deserve recognition

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Labor Day has come and gone, and summer is considered over; however, 14 dedicated and determined Little Leaguers are still waiting for media recognition for an excellent baseball season.

Jimmy's Restaurant of the West Little League won the league championship this year on July 20. I — along with parents, friends and the sponsors of Jimmy's Restaurant — have been searching the sports section of The Eagle daily looking for this announcement. I have repeatedly asked the West Little League board of directors why this achievement has not been given to our local newspaper. I have been brushed off with indifference. Certainly enough time has elapsed to forward a report of the game to The Eagle. This is the second time in three years that the league has failed to notify The Eagle of the Jimmy's Res-

taurant team's winning the league title.

The Jimmy's Restaurant Little League team was composed of youngsters of different skills, some highly athletic and others not so, but they played as a team, all for one and one for all.

I congratulate the players of Jimmy's Restaurant, who worked very hard and played their hearts out, and give them the recognition they deserve.

JOHN GARZONE

Pittsfield, Sept. 7, 1993

The writer is the coach of the Jimmy's Restaurant Little League team.

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Leslie Noyes / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Pittsfield South's Pat Dwyer slides across home plate to score in the fifth inning of last night's Berkshire County Little League Championship game in Great Barrington. South beat Adams, 25-1.

7-27-93

South retains Little League crown

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didn't show in this year's tournament.

After squeaking by Lanesboro 2-0 in its opening game, Pittsfield South defeated its next three opponents, Dalton-Hinsdale, Pittsfield West and Adams, whom Pittsfield South played twice, by a combined score of 48-15 to reach the title game undefeated.

"After that first game these guys have been hitting like crazy," Pittsfield South coach Joe Yannone Sr. said. "It's easy. You don't even need a coach."

"Our first game was a tough game," added Palmer, who hit for the cycle last night. "Lanesboro had a good pitcher. We knew that if we beat them it would build up our confidence."

Adams, which was playing in the title game for the first time since winning the tournament in 1991, didn't have Pittsfield South's gaudy statistics. But the North County boys still had plenty of heart.

After dropping into the loser's bracket with a 17-6 loss to Pittsfield South Friday, Adams rallied

from a 2-0 second-inning deficit behind Rob Armata's five-hit pitching to top Pittsfield West 5-2 Saturday and qualify for the title game.

"I've got to give my kids my kids a lot of credit," Adams manager George Beckwith said. "They did a heck of a job. They performed every day."

Unfortunately for Adams, Saturday's win cost them Armata, the team's best pitcher, because of a tournament rule that does not allow pitchers to throw in consecutive games. Adams used five pitchers last night, but even a Little League Nolan Ryan might have had trouble dealing with Pittsfield South's offensive explosiveness.

Twelve of the 14 South players who played last night had at least one hit. Nine of South's hits were for extra bases. Charlie Flynn, Pat Dwyer, Hebert and Daury each had two hits. Palmer and Yannone each had four. Yannone, the coach's son, drove in six runs with a triple and three-run homer. Palmer had three RBIs, while Lenny Beucier,

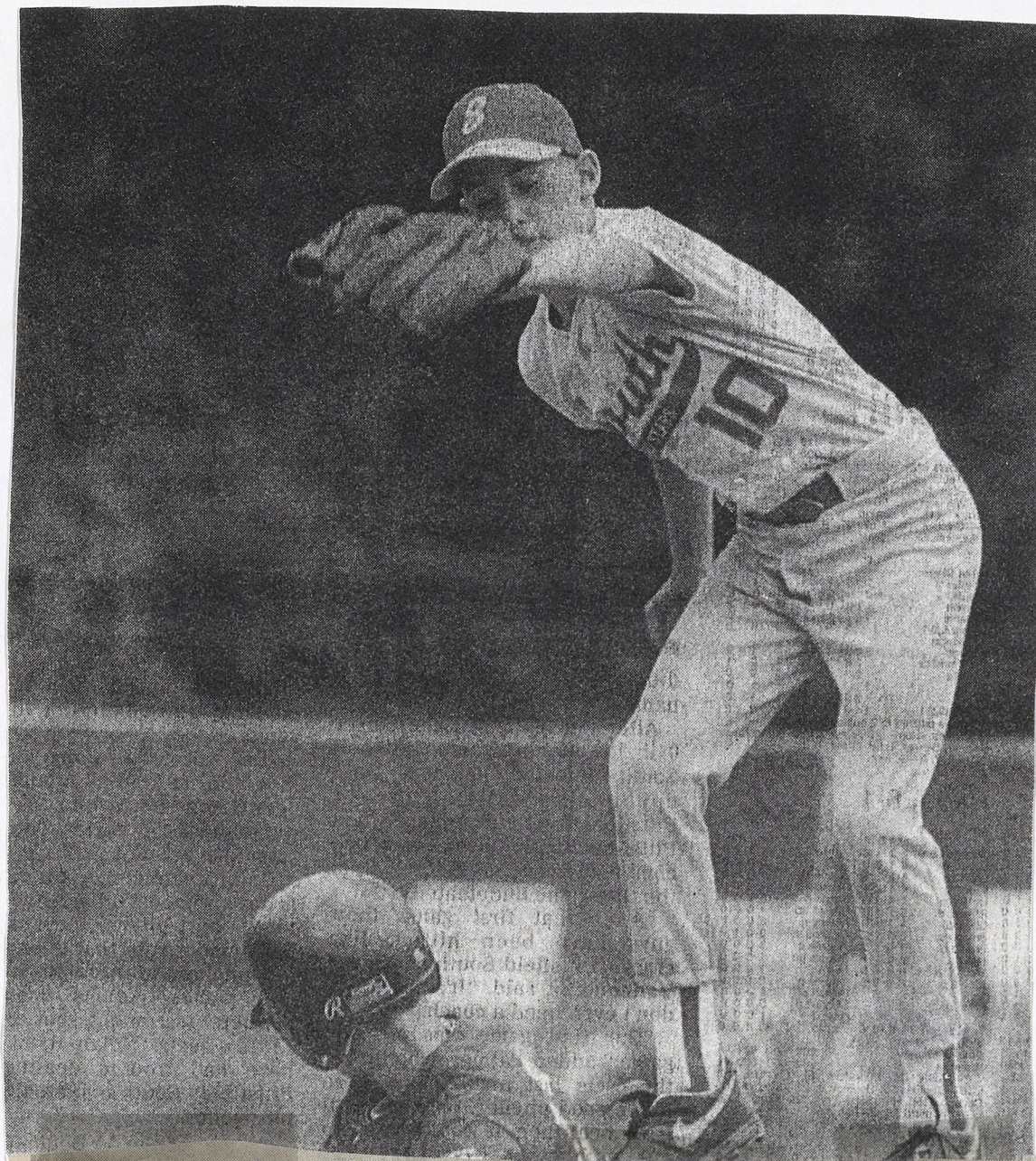
Dwyer and Flynn each drove in two runs. Only four of Pittsfield's runs were unearned.

South took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Palmer doubled home Yannone, who had singled, and Flynn scored on Pete Farkas' sacrifice fly.

The winners left two runners on base in the second when Adams shortstop Keith Czybryt made a fine defensive play to rob Flynn of a base hit in the hole, then whirled and threw to first to get the inning's third out.

But Palmer hit his fourth home run of the tournament, a solo shot over the right field fence, to put Pittsfield up 3-0 with one out in the third, and Adams was never the same after that. South scored six more runs in the third on five more hits to go up 9-0. The winners scored one run in the fourth, nine in the fifth, and six in the sixth.

Adams' lone run came in the fourth. Czybryt singled, went to third on a two-base error and scored on Terry Kondel's single. Armata singled in the second for Adams' other hit.



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Pittsfield South shortstop Mark Palmer reaches for the throw as Terry Kondel of Adams reaches second in fourth inning of last night's county Little League championship. Palmer hit for the cycle as Pittsfield South beat Adams 25-1.

South rolls to title, 25-1⁷⁻²⁷⁻⁹³

Pittsfield team retains county Little League crown

By Tony Dobrowolski
Berkshire Eagle Staff

GREAT BARRINGTON — Pittsfield South proved it was the best team in the Berkshire County Little League tournament last night, and easily the most dominant.

Just ask Adams. Behind a 22-hit attack and the combined three-hit pitching of Kevin Daury and Mark Hebert, Pittsfield South crushed Adams 25-1 at Olympian Meadows to win the Berkshire County title for the second straight year.

With the victory, South advances to Friday's

state sub-sectional game against Section 2 champion Westfield South at Olympian Meadows at 5:30 p.m. If Pittsfield South wins Friday, the team will travel to Leominster Monday to play the winner of the Section 3-Section 4 game.

Dominant in tournament

Pittsfield South came out of the loser's bracket to win the county title last year. Only three players, Mark Palmer, Joe Yannone and Daury, returned from that team. But if inexperience was a problem for Pittsfield South, it

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DEALHES

Babe Ruth meeting set tomorrow

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League has scheduled a start-up meeting tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Springside House, 874 North St.

All board members, coaches and interested parties are asked to attend. Further information about the baseball league meeting may be obtained from the Department of Recreation (499-9343) or league president Jim Hassett (442-3887).

3-12-93

Pittsfield Babe Ruth start-up meeting

There will be a meeting for all Pittsfield Babe Ruth baseball league board members, coaches and other interested citizens on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St.

For more information, contact the Pittsfield Department of Recreation at 499-9343 or Jim Hassett at home 442-3887, or work 448-4810.

3-19-93

Pittsfield Babe Ruth sign-up Saturday

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth Baseball League has scheduled registration Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Holmes Road fire station and at Springside House, 874 North St. Tryouts are scheduled to begin April 24, with the season opening May 16.

The league still needs a league manager, league secretary and scorekeepers. Further information may be obtained from league president Jim Hassett, 442-3887 nights or 448-4810 days.

4-8-93

Babe Ruth tryouts scheduled

Babe Ruth League tryouts have been scheduled at the Pittsfield Common beginning Saturday.

For 13-year-old players, tryouts will begin Saturday at 9, Sunday at 12:30 and Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m. For age 14-15, tryouts commence Saturday at 1, Sunday at 3 and Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Sign-ups will be accepted at the field.

4-21-93

Babe Ruth ticket drive is Sunday

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League will hold its annual door-to-door ticket drive on Sunday from 11 to 2. All league players, coaches and drivers should meet at Springside House, 874 North St. at 10:30. The league is scheduled to open on May 16.

5-6-93

Pittsfield Babe Ruth opens Sunday

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League baseball program opens its 42nd season Sunday, with 13-year-olds playing at the Common and 14- and 15-year-olds playing at Deming Field and Benedict Field. Games begin at 1, with three games at the Common and two each at the other fields. The league's annual Jimmy Fund collection will be taken at all games. Spectators are reminded to bring chairs or blankets for seating.

5-14-93

Babe Ruth work bee is tomorrow

The Pittsfield Babe Ruth Baseball League has scheduled a work bee tomorrow at 8 a.m. at the First Street Common. Helpers are needed to rake the new infield area. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes. Further information may be obtained from Art Gwinnell (448-8631) or Jim Hassett (442-3887).

6-11-93

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PITTSFIELD BABE RUTH 13s

Kay Bee Toys 6, Im-press Printing 5. Kay Bee — Mark Rochelo 2 hits, HR; Dan Kochapski 2 hits. Im-press — Joey Bateman and Tom Allesio 2 hits.

Gildo Auto Body 10, Italian American Club 9. Gildo — John Sinopoli 2 hits, IAC — Ant Marano double, triple; Ryan Campagna, Chris Yon and John Beattie 2 hits.

Goodman & Goodman 15, Lipton Energy 4. Goodman — Matt Maloy single, double, triple; John Marchetti 2 hits, HR. Lipton — Ed Ferris 2 hits.

Kay Bee 7, Italian American Club 6. Kay Bee — Matt Filiault, Joey Loftus, Kurt Kamienski and Mark Rochelo 2 hits. IAC — Justin Olewnik and Ant Marano 2 hits.

Gildo Auto Body 11, Lipton Energy 8. Gildo — Scott Shove (WP) 10 strikeouts, HR, double; Craig Cimini 2 hits. Lipton — Chris Bard 3 hits; Corey O'Brien 2 hits.

Goodman & Goodman 6, Im-press Printing 4. Goodman — Matt Maloy triple, Im-press — Bruce Blake triple.

Pittsfield 13s win

WESTFIELD — Anthony Murano tossed a four-hitter yesterday to lead Pittsfield to a 17-3 victory over Worcester South in its opening game of the Western Mass. 13-year-old Babe Ruth Baseball tournament at Bullens Field.

WMass. Babe Ruth

"He pitched a gem of a game," Pittsfield coach Al Cimini said. "He was in total control. It was just a fine game from the whole team. Everybody contributed."

Pittsfield, which drew a first-round bye, will play the winner of last night's game between Leominster and Shrewsbury tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Pittsfield scored four runs in the first inning, two in the second, one in the third and two in the fourth to take a 9-1 lead. The winners added a single run in the fifth, then scored six times in the seventh. Worcester South scored one run in the first and two in the fifth.

Scott Shove and Brian Jefferson paced Pittsfield's 14-hit attack with three hits apiece. Bruce Blake and Murano each had two hits. Blake and Gerard Tillman hit doubles. Kenny Hover and Craig Cimini each hit run-scoring singles.

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Winners

A reader shared the following letter that appeared recently in Bullpen, the official national publication of the Babe Ruth League:

"To the Citizens of Pittsfield, Mass.:

As host families for the 13 year old Babe Ruth Champions from the New England Region, we would like to tell you how well these young men represented your area in the Babe Ruth World Series this week in Springdale, Arkansas. It was a very rewarding and pleasurable experience to have them in our homes and to introduce them to Northwest Arkansas. They are true champs both on and off the field of play. You have every reason to be proud of their achievements in Babe Ruth Baseball, but you should have even more pride in their character and in their behavior in our homes and community.

Thanks to each parent for sharing their sons with us, and thanks to the community for supporting and encouraging them in their endeavors. Your efforts have not been wasted as these young men are certainly outstanding goodwill ambassadors for Pittsfield."

This letter was signed by the six couples who hosted the ballplayers.

11-11-93

Age 13 tournament

DALTON — Tony Marano pitched a complete game for Pittsfield against Dalton and added two hits to the offense in the win over Dalton. B.J. Jefferson, Scott Shove and Jason Harrington all had three hits for the winners.

Adams, meanwhile, had a big game from Bruce Hartlage, who pitched four innings to get the win against North Adams while adding two hits and three RBIs. Josh Snyder pitched the final three frames for the winners. Chad Rusek and Mike Kirchner each added two hits for Adams while Brian Wojciek made two fine defensive plays at third base.

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Pittsfield 13s keep rolling

WESTFIELD — B.J. Jefferson pitched a complete game three-hit shutout, as Pittsfield blanked Leominster 7-0 at Bullens Field last night to qualify for the title game in the Babe Ruth League age 13 Western Mass. championships.

Pittsfield, the only undefeated team remaining in the tournament, will play the winner of tonight's game between Leominster and Shrewsbury tomorrow at 5 p.m. night for the championship. If Pittsfield loses the first game, a second game will be played.

Everything went Pittsfield's way last night. "We beat an excellent team," Pittsfield coach Al Cimini said. "We got eight hits, stole eight bases, and executed five bunts. Probably the story of the game is that we played an errorless game."

7-21-93

Babe Ruth 13s banquet Dec. 6

A banquet to honor the Pittsfield 13-year-old Babe Ruth Baseball all-star team that played in the national tournament in Arkansas this past summer has been scheduled Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Itam Lodge.

Each player and coach will be allowed to bring two guests, and tickets are also available to the public for \$10 at Scenic Screen Restaurant and Reynolds Team Sports.

Players and coaches should contact Dan Sisantis (499-0841) or Duke Doucette (442-0247), who are coordinating arrangements, so they will know how many people will attend.

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Pittsfield takes West honors

WESTFIELD — Make no mistake about it. The Pittsfield Babe Ruth age 13 all-star team is one potent unit.

Ruth Tournament

Yesterday, the local squad won the Western state championship the way they won the Berkshire County title — by the 10-run rule in the fifth inning. Buoyed by a balanced 12-hit attack and the strong pitching of Bruce Blake, Pittsfield defeated Shrewsbury 12-2 at Bullens Field. Shrewsbury had defeated Leominster 4-3 in Wednesday night's losers' bracket game and would have needed to beat Pittsfield twice yesterday to take the Western state crown.

But that was hardly the case, with Pittsfield scoring four runs each in the first two innings, while adding two runs in the third and fourth. Shrewsbury scored single runs in the first and fifth innings. Pittsfield now advances to the New England regionals, which will commence on Aug. 7 in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Pittsfield, which is one of two teams representing Massachusetts, is scheduled to open against the Rhode Island state champions.

Blake's effort was the third complete game in succession for Pittsfield in the Western state tournament. B.J. Jefferson and Ant Marano each went the distance in the two previous victories. And that kind of quality hurling has Pittsfield coach Al Cimini elated.

"Bruce just fired strikes, nothing real fancy," said Cimini, about yesterday's effort. "Those three complete games have all been real nice efforts. And the defense has played well behind the pitchers. We haven't had any real breakdowns."

If the pitching has been tough, then the offense has been equally

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PITTSFIELD BABE RUTH 14-15

VFW 7, GEAA 4. VFW — Phil Blanchard and Rob Beuth 2 hits; Todd Derby 3 RBIs; Jeff Tooley complete-game win. GEAA — John Krol 2 hits.
Besse-Clarke 15, Oliver Auto Body 4. Besse — Sean McDonough, Shaun Liccardi, Rick Hague, Kevin Vincent 2 hits each; Liccardi and Shane Harrington combine to pitch 2-hitter. Oliver — John Duda HR.
Item 14, GE 5. Item — Ryan Melle, Mike Doyle, Andy Wolkowski 2 hits each. GE — Dale Connor, Jeff Benham 2 hits.
IUE 255 10, Oliver 9. IUE — Scott Hoosick 2 hits. Oliver — Marc Racicot 3 hits; John Duda and Tony Sadowy 2 hits.
GEAA 9, Item 8 (8 inn.). GEAA — John Krol 3 hits; Chris Campoli 3 hits, HR, 3 RBIs. Item — Kyle Dombkowski 2 hits, 3 RBIs.
Besse-Clarke 10, GEAA 9 (8 inn.). Besse — Pat Engle 3 hits, Shane Harrington grand slam. GEAA — Ben Quinto 2 hits; Troy Schultz 2 hits, 3 RBIs.
Besse-Clarke 13, GE 2. Besse — Pat Engle, Shane Harrington 2 hits; Steve Conuel HR, 3 RBIs.
Oliver Auto Body 8, Gillette Shows 6. Oliver — John Duda 3 hits, HR, 3 RBIs; Bill Auger (WP). Gillette — Ken Welter 2 hits, 2 RBIs.
Gillette 15, GE 12 (8 inn.). Gillette — Jim Acor 3 HRs, 4 RBIs; Jason Kilmer 3 hits; Kevin Capizzi, Chris Wilner 2 hits, 2 RBIs. GE — Ben Quinto, Jared Williams 3 hits; Chris Campoli 3 hits, 4 RBIs.
Besse-Clarke 11, IUE 255 5. Besse — Steve Conuel, Sean McDonough, Rick Hague, Shaun Liccardi 2 hits; IUE — Kevin Steele 2 hits, HR, 2 RBIs.
Item 11, Oliver Auto Body 7. Item — Kyle Dombkowski 3 hits, 3 RBIs; Mike Jones 2 hits; Greg Reid WP; Oliver — Jeff Oboyski 2 RBIs.
IUE 11, GEAA 0. IUE — Mike Callahan 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Kyle Hartley 3 hits, 3 RBIs; Joel Barscz WP.
VFW 19, Item 14. VFW — Todd Derby HR; Dave Farrell 3 hits, 4 RBIs; Jason Hover WP. Item — Ryan Melle 2 hits, Greg Reid 3 hits.
VFW 6, Oliver Auto Body 5. VFW — Dave Farrell 2 hits; Jeff Tooley 2 hits, HR; Brandon Quagliano WP; Oliver — Dave Perrone 2 hits, 2 RBIs.
Item 5, GE 2. Item — Ryan Melle 2 hits, 3 RBIs; Kyle Dombkowski WP; Jeff Harte 2 hits. GE — J.T. Torra 2 doubles; Jeff Benham 2 hits, 2 RBIs.
Standings: Besse-Clarke 5-0, VFW 3-1-1, IUE 255 3-2, Gillette Shows 2-2-1, GEAA 2-3, Oliver Auto Body 1-4, GE 0-5.

Ruth 13s win

■ RUTH, from C1

strong. Jason Harrington led the Pittsfield squad yesterday with a single, double and triple. Two-hit games came from Mark Rochelo, Matt Malloy and Scott Shove, while Blake and Jefferson each kicked in with doubles.

"We've just come out hitting," Cimini said. "And Shrewsbury had a beleagured pitching staff. This was their third game in four days. They're a good team and had a lot of spirit, but didn't have the pitching to carry them."

Cimini also said the local all-star team has done a nice job coming together as a team in a short amount of time.

"I think they will represent the district very well," Cimini said. "We have two weeks off before we face the next challenge. But I still think we have some baseball left in us."

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PITTSFIELD BABE RUTH 14-15

GEAA 16, Item 6. GEAA — Jared Williams 3 hits, 2 RBIs, John Krol 2 hits, (WP). 6 hits. Item — Jeff Harte (LP).
Besse Clarke 11, Oliver Auto Body 5. Besse — Sean Robertson 2 hits, Pat Engle 2 RBIs, (WP), 8 strikeouts. Oliver — Bill Auger, John Duda, Jim Hanna 2 hits each.
GE 12, GEAA 9. GE — Brad Stewart 3 hits, 3B, HR, 2 RBIs; Mike Wechter (WP), 6-hitter.
IUE 255 15, Oliver Auto Body 4. IUE — Joel Barscz 3 hits, Eric Kirk 3 hits, HR, 4 RBIs. Oliver — Dave Perrone 2 hits, John Duda 2 hits, HR, 2 RBIs.
VFW 17, Oliver Auto Body 11. VFW — Jason Hover 3 hits, Philip Blanchard 2 hits, 2 RBIs. Oliver — Mark Racicot 2 hits, John Duda 2 hits.
Gillette Shows 13, GEAA 4. Gillette — Jim Acor 3 hits, Tim Scott 2 hits, 2 RBIs. GEAA — Ben Quinto, Chris Campoli 1 hit each.
Besse-Clarke 9, IUE 255 3. Sean McDonough single, double, 2 RBIs; Rick Hague single, double. IUE — Kevin Steele 2 hits, Joel Barscz single, double.
VFW 22, GEAA 3. VFW — Jason Hover 2 singles, double, 4 RBIs; Damon Moore single, double, 3 RBIs. GEAA — Tom Daly and Sean Kelly 1 hit each.
IUE 255 10, Item 0. IUE — Joel Barscz single, double; Kyle Hartley single, double, 2 RBIs. Item — Tim Latini and Mike Doyle 1 hit each.
GE 7, Gillette Shows 6. GE — J.T. Torra 2 hits, Ryan Quinto double. Gillette — Brian Ahern 2 doubles.
Oliver Auto Body 18, Item 7. Oliver — John Duda single, double 4 RBIs; Anthony Sadowy single, double, 1 RBI. Item — Kyle Dombrowski 1 hit, 2 RBIs.
IUE 255 12, GEAA 2. IUE — Joel Barscz 2 hits, 3 RBI, Mike Callahan single, double, 4 RBIs. GEAA — Ben Quinto and Sean Kelly 1 hit each.
Besse Clarke 13, GE 2. Besse — Sean McDonough single, double, 2 RBIs; Sean Robertson single, double, 3 RBIs. GE — Jeff Benham 2 singles, 1 RBI.
Gillette Shows 9, Oliver Auto Body 0. Gillette — Brian Ahern 2 singles, double, 2 RBIs; Tim Scott 2 singles, Kevin Capizzi 3 singles. Oliver — Bill Auger and Jeff Oboyski 1 hit each.
VFW 10, Item 0. VFW — Dave Farrell 2 singles, 3 RBIs; Jeff Tooley, 2 singles, 2 RBIs. Item — Mike Doyle and Mike Jones 1 hit each.
Besse Clarke 7, VFW 3. Besse — Sean Liccardi 1 hit, 1 RBI; Ryan Pierce 2 hits. VFW — Jeff Tooley 1 hit, 2 RBIs.
Standings: Besse-Clarke 5-1; VFW 5-1; Gillette Shows 4-1; IUE 355 4-3; GE 3-3; Oliver Auto Body 1-4; GEAA 1-5; Item 1-6.

PITTSFIELD BABE RUTH 13

Kay Bee Toys 5, Italian American Club 3. Kay Bee — Mark Rochelo, Kevin Goetze, Jake Kellar (WP) combined on 2-hitter. Rochelo, Kurt Kamienski and Pat Tamburino 2 hits each.
Goodman & Goodman 7, Gildo's Auto Body 4. Goodman — Scott Najmy 2 hits, 2 RBIs, Bryan Jefferson (WP). Im-Press Printing 8, Lipton Energy 8 (Tie). Im-Press — Jason Harrington 3 hits, Bruce Blake struck out 7. Lipton — Chris Bard four hits, two doubles, 2 RBIs.
Gildo's Auto Body 17, Italian American Club 4. Gildo's — Scott Shove 3 hits, 2 doubles, 2 RBIs; Dan Albano 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Ken Hover (WP) 6 strikeouts. Italian American Club — Ant Marano 2 hits.
Lipton Energy 8, Goodman & Goodman 6. Lipton — Chris Bard 4 hits, Ricky Molari 2 hits. Goodman — Jerome Sistrunk 2 hits.
Im-Press Printing 19, Kay Bee Toys 4. Im-Press — Joey Bateman 3 hits, 4 RBIs, Jarrod Hanson 2 hits, Kay Bee — Matt Filiault 2 hits.

6/6/93

Pittsfield Ruth 13s ready for regionals

By Brian Sullivan
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — You're 13 and it's the best summer you've ever had because the baseball team you play for has already won a state title and now you're headed to the New England regionals, with hopes of advancing to the Babe Ruth age 13 World Series in Arkansas.

You're 13 and baseball is fun, and friends and family are rooting for you to do well.

You're 13 and you'd better enjoy the ride because you don't know if you'll ever travel this road again.

You're also a bit older than 13 and your job is to coach these little rascals on the team. But you're not dreaming of winning a national title. Instead, you're hoping to get past the next game. In the meantime, there are mounds of paperwork to fill out and a million details to organize.

If you're this particular fellow, then your name is Al Cimini, and you coach the Pittsfield age 13 Babe Ruth team, which won a state title a couple of weeks back and now is headed to St. Johnsbury, Vt., this weekend to compete with seven other teams in the double-elimination New England regional tournament.

"This season has turned into a whole summer of baseball for these kids," said Cimini, whose son Craig plays on the team. "And I haven't heard a complaint from any of them."

Pittsfield is scheduled to play its first game in the tournament on Saturday at 4 against the Rhode Island state champions. The eight-team field includes two teams from Massachusetts, two teams (including the host team) from Vermont and state champions from Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire.

The New England region is one of six in the country. The six regional winners will meet in Springdale, Ark., later in the month for the right to be called the best in the nation.

"I don't even want to look ahead to that right now," Cimini said. "I'm just looking to the Rhode Island game. I have all the information on the national tournament at home. But I haven't really looked at it yet."

A busy time

The New England tournament is a busy enough time. The players will be staying with host families, which for most will be a first-time experience.

"A lot of us would rather be staying in hotels," said Pittsfield player Mark Rochelo, who is looking ahead to the weekend action. "In this tournament we really don't have a chance to scout the competition. You just kind of think of it as who's next."

When Pittsfield takes the field on Saturday, it will have been about two weeks since the team clinched the state crown. That's a lot of time off, according to Cimini.

"We've been working on things

that we didn't do particularly well in the state tournament," he said. "We're trying to give the pitchers some work and keep the overall team focused."

Cimini has scheduled some scrimmages and the team will be treated to a spaghetti dinner tomorrow at a local restaurant. In the meantime, he has been trying to iron out the details of the trip.

"There've been a couple times I've just gotten into a real zone with the paperwork," said Cimini, who has had help from league officers, parents and friends. "I've given the kids packages of information that include information on host families and tournament rules. There's a lot of anxiety with all this, especially with kids of this age. But, overall, the kids are pretty pumped."

The team will charter a bus and leave Friday morning, hoping to arrive in St. Johnsbury about noon.

"We're going to show up as a team," Cimini said.

Fund-raising efforts, meanwhile, will continue this week. Donations may be made to the Babe Ruth age 13 all-stars, c/o Bill Harrington, 201 Lebanon Ave., Pittsfield MA 01201.

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PITTSFIELD BABE RUTH 13s

Im-Press Printing 6, Goodman & Goodman 3. Im-Press — Tom Alessio 2 hits, Jason Harrington 2 hits, 2 RBIs, Joey Bateman (WP) 6 strikeouts; G&G — Bryan Jefferson 2 hits, Matt Maloy 2 hits.
Gildo's Auto Body 8, Kay-Bee Toys 6. Gildo — Scott Shove 2 hits, Ken Hover (WP); Kay Bee — Kurt Kamienski 1 hit.
Italian-American Club 6, Lipton Energy 5. IAC — Ant Marano (WP) 6 strikeouts; Lipton — Corey O'Brien triple.
Gildo 7, Im-Press 5. Gildo — Scott Shove 2 hits including home run, Gerard Tillman 2 hits, Ken Hover (WP) 2 hits; Im-Press — Bruce Blake 2 hits.
Lipton 5, Kay Bee 3. Lipton — Corey O'Brien (WP) 9 strikeouts. Kay Bee — Mark Rochelo 2 hits.
Goodman & Goodman 6, Kay Bee 2. G&G — Matt Malloy 2 hits, Jeff Gordon 2 hits, Bryan Jefferson (WP) 5 strikeouts. Kay Bee — Dan Kochapski 3 hits, Mark Rochelo 2 hits.
Lipton 13, Gildo 10. Lipton — Brian Clark, Chris Bard, Ed Ferris, Corey O'Brien all with 2 hits. Ferris (WP). Gildo — John Sinopoli 3 hits including triple. Gerard Tillman 2 hits.
Goodman & Goodman 9, IAC 3. G&G — Scott Najmy 2 triples, Jeff LeDuc (WP); IAC — Chris Yon triple.
Im-Press Printing 14, IAC 4. Im-Press — Bruce Blake and Terry Reagan 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Blake (WP) 8 strikeouts.

PITTSFIELD BABE RUTH 14-15

IUE 255 8, GE 7. IUE — Eric Kirk 2 hits including HR and 5 RBIs, Kevin Steele and John Ostellino 2 hits each. Item 7, Besse-Clarke 5. Item — Mike Doyle 3 hits and 3 RBIs. Besse — Steve Conuel 2 hits.
Gillette Shows 9, Item 6. Gillette — Jim Acor 2 hits including home run and winning pitcher. Mike Maguire, Brian Ahern, Tim Scott 2 hits each. Item — Tim Latini 2 hits.
VFW 11, IUE 255 6. VFW — Todd Lampiasi 3 hits and 2 RBIs, Jason Hover and Dave Farrell 2 hits each. Hover (WP), Jeff Tooley (Save). IUE — Dave Barber and Dave Fiedler 3 hits each, Joel Barscz 2 hits and 2 RBIs.
Besse-Clarke 18, GEAA 17. Besse — Pat Engle 4 hits including home run and 5 RBIs. Matt Cormier, Shawn Liccardi, Ryan Turner 3 hits each. GEAA — Chris Campoli 4 hits including home run and 8 RBIs. Jared Williams, Troy Schultz, John Krol 2 hits each.
VFW 6, GE 5. VFW — Damon Moore 2 hits including double, Jeff Tooley (WP). GE — Brad Stewart 3 hits, 2 RBIs.
Gillette Shows 11, IUE 1. Gillette — Brian Ahern, Tim Scott 2 hits each, Jim Acor (WP) 9 strikeouts, home run and 4 RBIs.
Standings: VFW 4-0, Gillette 3-1, IUE 3-3, Besse Clarke 2-1, Oliver Auto 1-1, GE 1-2, Item 1-3, GEAA 0-4.

Pittsfield 13s win N.E. debut

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. — Jake Kellar's successful suicide squeeze bunt in the sixth inning scored two runs as the Pittsfield Babe Ruth age 13 All-Stars edged Warwick, R.I., 3-1 to open the New England Regional double-elimination tournament.

Babe Ruth

Pitcher Anthony Marano scattered three hits and pitched out of a couple of jams in the late innings to preserve the victory.

Play again today

Pittsfield is now in the winner's bracket and will play this afternoon at 4 against the winner of last night's game between the host team and South Burlington. That game was still under way at press time.

For the game, Pittsfield pounded out 11 hits but could only push one run across through the first five innings.

"When you lose opportunities, you worry that you're going to lose the game," Pittsfield coach Al Cimini said in a phone interview last night.

Pittsfield didn't squander a sixth-inning scoring chance, which broke a 1-1 tie. Chris Bard, who had three of Pittsfield's 11 hits, led off with a single. He moved up when Craig Cimini beat out a sacrifice bunt attempt for a single. Both runners moved up on an overthrow.

Coach Cimini had Kurt Kamienski run for Bard, and with speed on the bases, signaled to Kellar for the suicide squeeze. He beat out the well-placed bunt, and since both runners were moving on the pitch, they both came around to score.

Marano stifles rally

Warwick loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the sixth, but Marano notched a pair of strikeouts and a popup to get out

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Pittsfield 13s capture N.E. tourney opener

■ RUTH, from C1

of the inning without a run scoring.

"The ballgame was really played out in the sixth," said Coach Cimini.

Pittsfield got on the board with a run in the first inning when Marano singled and came home on B.J. Jefferson's double. Warwick tied the score with a run in the third inning.

The Rhode Island squad gave Pittsfield a scare in the bottom of the fifth inning. Marano walked the leadoff batter and gave up a single before a 30-minute rain delay. The Pittsfield hurler returned to the mound after the delay, striking out two and retiring the final batter on a ground out.

"He pitched out of two jams. That was tremendous — that was the ballgame," praised Coach Cimini.

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Ruth 13s make finals

■ BABE RUTH, from C1

The winner advances to the World Series in Springdale Ark., Aug. 21-28.

Neither team scored in the first three innings, but Manchester threatened in each of the first three frames. Jefferson walked a tightrope, but escaped unscathed, while Manchester's Jason Remillard was nearly untouchable.

Pittsfield didn't get a hit over the first three innings against Remillard, who threw three different pitches for strikes.

"We had our hands full with their pitcher. He was the best we faced," said Cimini. "He had us off stride with a soft and a hard curve and a fastball. He could throw the curves for strikes."

Kamienski saved Pittsfield's hide with what could have been the defensive play of the series in the top of the third inning. Manchester had runners on second and third with two outs, when Jim Dicomies went the opposite way with a fly ball to right. Kamienski

got a good jump on the sinking drive, made a dive, and came up with the catch.

"I didn't think Kurt had a shot at it," Cimini recalled. "That was the best defensive play we had in the regionals. Our defense has been superb, but that was the best play."

That play set the tone for the Pittsfield offense to get going in the home fourth inning. Jefferson walked to lead off the inning, one out later Chris Bard got to Remillard for the first hit. With two outs, Craig Cimini walked to load the bases, and Kamienski's single scored Jefferson and Bard.

Pittsfield exploded for four more runs in the fifth inning. Scott Shove led off with a bloop double to left, and moved up on Jason Harrington's sacrifice. Remillard walked Marano, with John Sinopoli pinch-running. Jefferson's bloop to right was lost in the lights and fell in for an RBI double.

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Pittsfield 13s move to finals in N.E. tourney

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. — The Pittsfield age 13 Babe Ruth All-Stars are a win away from a trip to the Babe Ruth World Series.

Pittsfield beat Manchester, N.H. 6-0 last night as B.J. Jefferson pitched a four-hit, complete-game shutout, and helped his cause with an run-scoring double in the fifth inning. Kurt Kamienski kept the scoreless tie going with a spectacular catch in the third inning, and broke the deadlock with a two-run single in the fourth.

"Everybody knew that whomever won the game was in the driver's seat," said Pittsfield coach Al Cimini.

Sitting in the driver's seat next to Cimini will be Pittsfield hurler Ant Marano, who will start tomorrow's 5 p.m. championship game. Pittsfield will play the winner of today's loser's bracket final between Manchester and Triple C of Maine. If Pittsfield loses, there will be an 8 p.m. second game.

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Greylock, Pittsfield win

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Ruth Tournament

Mount Greylock and Pittsfield advanced in the 14-15 year old Babe Ruth Tournament at Renfrew Field in Adams yesterday.

Greylock defeated South Central of Lee-Lenox 20-1 in five innings yesterday, while Pittsfield beat Adams 11-2.

Mount Greylock advances to the next round where it will play North Adams tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The winner of that game will play Pittsfield on Friday.

South Central, which had to forfeit Saturday's game with North Adams due to a lack of players, was eliminated.

Greylock scored five runs in the first inning, two in the second, three in the third and 10 in the fifth. The game was called after five innings because of the suspension rule.

For Adams, Jake Zieminski had two singles, and Rich Paquette hit a triple. Andy Charbonneau was the losing pitcher. Adams scored one run in the first, and one run in the sixth.

Dorian Baker, Josh Bennett, Travis Clairmont and Tyler Mason each had two hits for Mount Greylock. Mason tripled in the five run first. Bennett also tripled and had four RBIs. Clairmont and winning pitcher Jarrett Bayliss hit doubles. Bayliss struck out three batters in six innings before he was relieved by J.J. Filiault.

South Central had five hits off of Bayliss and Filiault. Losing pitcher P.J. Spina had two singles for South Central. South Central scored its lone run in the fifth when Curt Balluk tripled and scored on Mike McMahon's grounder to shortstop.

In the Pittsfield-Adams game, John Krol and Dave Farrell each had two hits for the winners. Krol had a triple, and Farrell had three RBIs.

Pittsfield put the game away early scoring five runs in the first on three hits and four errors. The winners scored two runs each in the second, third and fifth innings.

Winning pitcher Krol allowed three hits and struck out six in a seven inning complete game performance.

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BABE RUTH 14-15

VFW 14, Gillette Shows 8. VFW — Philip Blanchard 4 hits; Jason Hover 2 hits, 3 RBIs; Jeff Tooley (WP). Gillette — Kevin Capizzi 3 hits.

IUE 10, GEAA 8. IUE — Kevin Steele double, home run; Joel Barscz 2 hits; Dave Fiedler (WP). GEAA — Ben Quinto triple; Chris Campoli double.

Gillette 6, Oliver Auto Body 3. Oliver — Mark Racicot 2 hits; Dave Perrone double, 2 RBIs; Chris Wilner (WP). Gillette — Tim Scott 2 doubles; Jason Kilmer 2 hits.

Besse-Clarke 12, GEAA 1. Besse-Clarke — Pat Engle 2 hits; Shane Harrington home run; Sean McDonough (WP). GEAA — Mike Ressler 2 hits.

GEAA 12, Itam 2. GEAA — Tom Daly home run, 2 RBIs; Troy Schultz 2 RBIs; Jared Williams (WP). Itam — Terry Dombrowski 2 hits.

Oliver 10, IUE 9. Oliver — Jim Hanna single, triple 4 RBIs; Jeff Oboyski 2 hits; John Duda (WP). IUE — Kevin Steele 2 doubles; Jeremy Fields double, 3 RBIs.

Standings: Besse-Clarke 6-1-1, VFW 5-1-2, IUE 5-3, Gillette 4-3-1, Itam 4-4, GEAA 3-5, Oliver 2-6, GE 1-7.

BABE RUTH 13s

Goodman & Goodman 13, Kay-Bee Toys 6. Goodman — Joe Quagliano, 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Jeff LeDuc 2 hits.

Im-Press Printing 6, Gildo Auto Body 2. Im-Press — Joe Bateman (WP) 4 strikeouts. Gildo — Scott Shove 2 hits.

Goodman & Goodman 8, Italian American Club 7. Goodman — Jason Williams 3 hits; Matt Maloy 2 hits; Joe Quagliano 2 hits.

Im-Press Printing 7, Lipton Energy 2. Im-Press — Bruce Blake (WP) 13 strikeouts, triple, home run, 3 RBIs.

Gildo Auto Body 6, Kay-Bee Toys 5. Gildo — Ken Hover 2 hits, 3 RBIs; Sean Conaghan 2 hits. Kay-Bee — Mark Rochelo 3 hits, triple; Matt Filiault 2 hits; Kevin Goetze 2 hits.

Lipton Energy 6, Italian American Club 2. Lipton — Nick Delmolino 2 hits.

Pittsfield faces Maine in N.E. 13s final today

The Cumberland County team from Maine will be the opponent this afternoon, as Pittsfield makes its bid for an age 13 Babe Ruth baseball New England championship in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Cumberland posted a dramatic 1-0 win over Manchester, N.H., in yesterday's loser's bracket final, and will play Pittsfield today at 5 for the championship. Pittsfield is 3-0 in the double-elimination tournament, and a victory over Cumberland would give Pittsfield the title. If Cumberland wins, each team would have one loss, and a decisive second game would be played at 8 p.m.

The New England champion earns one of nine spots in the age 13 Babe Ruth World Series scheduled Aug. 21-28 in Springdale, Ark. No Berkshire County team has ever won a New England title or appeared in the Babe Ruth nationals.

"This Maine team is scrappy, and they're winning a lot of one-run games," said Pittsfield coach Al Cimini, who watched last night's contest.

Pittsfield will send right-hander Ant Marano to the mound today. He was the winning pitcher in Pittsfield's opening 3-1 win over Warwick, R.I. The Maine team had also beaten Warwick earlier in the tournament, 8-5. Pittsfield continued with a 13-2 rout of South Burlington, Vt., and a 6-0 whitewash of Manchester.

DIRECTIONS: Fans going to today's game should travel east to Route 91, then go north on 91 to Exit 20 in St. Johnsbury. At the exit, go north on Route 5 (which becomes Railroad Street). Stay on Railroad Street about a mile and a half until you see a McDonald's restaurant on your left. Take a right onto Portland Street and go across the St. Johnsbury Memorial Bridge. Take the first left after the bridge, then a left onto Elm Street, where the field is located. The trip is just under 200 miles from Pittsfield, so allow about four hours for travel.

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Pittsfield, Adams teams get victories

Teams from Pittsfield and Adams advanced into the winner's bracket of their respective Berkshire County Babe Ruth baseball tournaments, with victories yesterday.

Ruth Tournament

John Krol tossed a five-hitter as Pittsfield defeated Mount Greylock 5-1 in the age 14-15 tournament at Renfrew Field's Baldardi diamond.

In the 13-year-old tournament at Pinegrove Park in Dalton, Adams' Michael Kirchner pitched and helped out his cause with a game-winning single in a 7-6 come-from-behind win over Mount Greylock.

14-15 Tournament

ADAMS — Krol struck out six and didn't walk a batter for Pittsfield. He lost his shutout in the top of the sixth inning on a run-scoring single by Kit Guidi, who had two hits.

Pittsfield scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning, Krol helping his cause with an RBI single. Dave Farrell drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Pittsfield added two runs in the fourth, one scoring on an error and the other coming home on Jeff Tooley's RBI single. Tooley had another RBI single in the sixth.

Tooley, Mike Doyle and Tim Scott had two hits each for Pittsfield, which had nine hits off two Mount Greylock pitchers.

Pittsfield will play the winner of tonight's South-Central/Central Berkshire game Saturday at 3. Greylock will play the loser of tonight's game Sunday at 3.

Ruth 13s to be live on radio

8-13-93

By Brian Sullivan
Berkshire Eagle Staff

Move over New York Yankees. The Pittsfield Babe Ruth age 13 all-stars are about to take over the airwaves.

Bob Shade, who is sports director for WBRK-AM 1340, announced yesterday that the local radio station will broadcast live the games for the Pittsfield team, which will be competing next week in the Babe Ruth age 13 World Series in Springdale, Ark.

Open up Sunday

The Pittsfield squad, which will fly out of Bradley Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn., tomorrow morning, is scheduled to play its first game in the tournament Sunday at 5:30 p.m. EST against Midwest Plains regional winner Desloge, Mo.

Shade said yesterday that a radio station in Springdale will be covering all the games in the event and that it was possible to hook into that feed through a telephone line.

There will be a pre-game show, so the broadcast will probably start about 5:20, according to Shade.

"We contacted the station and arranged to pick up the live feed," said Shade, who added that City Savings Bank is helping to underwrite the cost of the transmission.

"We're still looking for one more sponsor," he said.

Shade admitted that games involving the Pittsfield team would probably overlap with New York Yankees broadcasts, which are heard exclusively in Berkshire County over WBRK-AM. But the decision across the board will be to go with the broadcasts of the Babe Ruth team whenever there is a conflict.

Yankees bat second

"We'll pick up the Yankees' broadcasts in progress when the two games do overlap," Shade said. "What we won't do is rebroadcast the New York games from the beginning."

He said he pursued the live broadcasts of the Pittsfield team because he felt there was sufficient interest.

"Personally I feel great for these kids," Shade said. "They're doing something very special. And I know a lot of people are following this story. There was already a lot of talk about this team while they were playing in the New England regionals."

The live radio news was greeted favorably by Pittsfield coach Al Cimini.

"That's really exciting to hear," Cimini said. "I know there are a lot of people in the community who are excited for this team."

The Pittsfield coaches and players are expected to leave in vans from in front of the Silver Screen Restaurant tomorrow around 9:30 a.m. The flight includes changeovers in Charlotte, N.C., and Little Rock, Ark., before the group finally lands in Springdale for the nine-team, double-elimination event.

That's more hops, skips and jumps than Cimini cared to think about.

"I mean, what happens if our equipment gets lost along the way?" said Cimini, only half joking. "How would we play?"

The good news for Cimini is that the New England Regional winner had been scheduled for a first-round bye. That means he and his assistant coaches — Tom Marano and Bill Bateman — will be able to scout their opponents in advance. Pittsfield is scheduled to play the winner of Saturday's game between host Springdale and the Midwest Plains representative.

"I can't be happier about the bye," Cimini said. "That means we can practice on Saturday and watch the team that we'll play. That's a real benefit for us."

In the meantime, there was a dance for the team at the Catholic Youth Center last night, and a ride on a fire truck was also scheduled. The team will get its last local practice today, between 4 and 6 p.m. at Deming Field, before departing tomorrow.

"We just want to keep the kids loose and happy," Cimini said.

In addition to host Springdale, Pittsfield and the Missouri squad, other teams in the tournament and the regions they represent include the following:

Lexington, Ky. (Ohio Valley), Syracuse, N.Y. (Middle Atlantic), Tallassee, Ala. (Southeast), Pine Bluff, Ark. (Southwest), Longview,

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Off to Arkansas

■ **BABE RUTH, from C1**

Wash. (Pacific Northwest) and Taylorsville, Utah (Pacific Southwest).

TOURNAMENT NOTES: There is technically no defending champion for this year's tournament, with Hurricane Andrew having ripped through Houma, La., and canceling last year's event . . . Last year's age 12 Babe Ruth championships, also known as the Bambino Division, was won by a South Lexington, Ky., team that pretty much is returning the same players to this year's age 13 event . . . The Randal Tyson Sports Complex, where the tournament is being played, is a 70-acre facility equipped to serve adult and children's softball, along with baseball and soccer . . . Lauren Fitzpatrick of the Syracuse team is the first female player to participate in the age 13 Babe Ruth tournament in 12 years . . . Bob Hemond, who is the tournament director, is the son of Baltimore Orioles general manager Roland Hemond.

Pittsfield 13s reach title game

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Ruth Tournament

DALTON — The Pittsfield age 13 Babe Ruth all-stars are now in a commanding position in the Berkshire County baseball tournament. Yesterday, Pittsfield defeated Adams 16-5 at Pinegrove Park to move into Sunday's championship game. Today, Dalton plays North Adams with the winner moving on to play Adams tomorrow at 1 p.m. That winner will meet Pittsfield for the title at 1 p.m. on Sunday. All games are at Pinegrove Park.

Ten-run rule

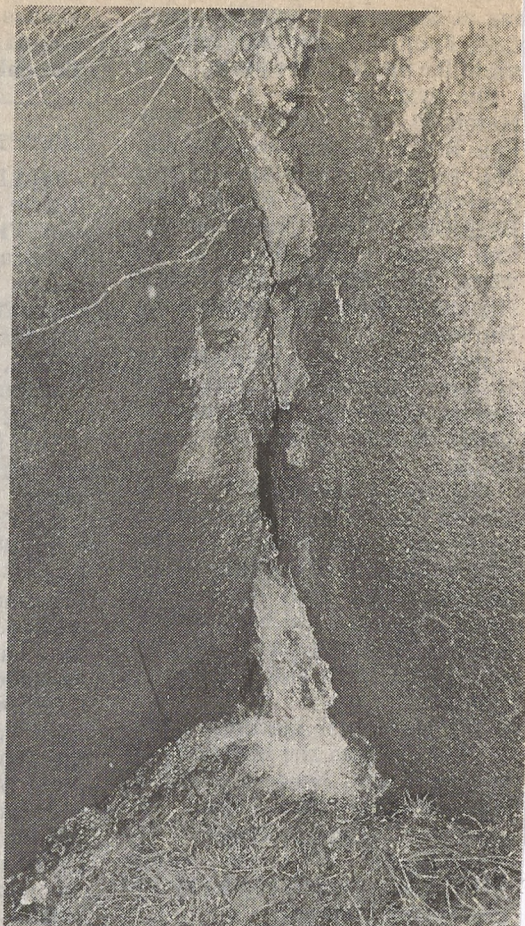
Yesterday's game ended after six innings because of the 10-run rule. B.J. Jefferson was the hitting star for the winners, belting a home run and a double while driving in four runs and scoring four. Tony Marano, Jason Harrington and Jake Kellar each

Some big innings

Pittsfield led 7-1 after two innings and added four runs in the third for an 11-1 lead. Eric Pizani had a two-run double in Adams' four-run fifth. But Pittsfield scored three times in the fifth and twice in the sixth to put the game away.

Derek Jajko doubled and Brian Wojciek tripled for Adams, which had seven hits.

added two hits for Pittsfield, with Scott Shore pitching five innings to collect the victory. Joe Bateman, who pitched the sixth in relief of Shore, struck out the side.



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Water over the dam

Water is spilling over the Lake Onota dam in Pittsfield following the rains and snow melt. The dam needs repairs but it is not considered an emergency situation. The final design for the work is expected by Sept. 1. Photo at right shows leakage from a crack where dam joins the shore.

Man borne by para-sail collides with picnickers

By Gina Gold
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — A Fourth of July picnic at Onota Lake deteriorated into chaos late Sunday afternoon when a man lost control of a para-sail and collided with a group of picnickers and onlookers.

Three children and an adult were injured and taken by family members to Berkshire Medical Center. All were treated for injuries and released, except a 3-year-old boy who was admitted to the hospital for a CAT scan that proved negative.

He was treated for rope burns and later released, police said.

Officer James A. Hunt, who investigated the incident, said Tom Mitchell, whose address is unknown, was harnessed into a para-sail that was pulled by a motorboat driven and owned by Joseph Carusotto of 31 Crown St.

Mitchell was taking off from a beach next to the Controy Pavilion at about 5:30 when a gust of wind blew him to the north and into a crowd of people at the picnic and recreation area.

The 300-foot-rope that pulled the para-sail became tangled around 3-year-old Johnathan Stephenson, of Hartford, Conn.

Hunt said the child sustained rope burns under his arm and on his face when the cord dragged him out of the arms of his father, Roderick.

Also injured in the incident was 11-year-old Malia Palmer of

Joppa, Md., who is a summer guest of Barbara A. Hanger of 79 Dewey Ave. The girl was reportedly kicked in the head by Mitchell when his para-sail flew out of control.

Another child, Teala Williamson of 95 Liberty Ave., North Adams, was kicked in the head and received rope burns on her arms and stomach. Hunt estimated her age at 11 or 12 years old.

Teala's mother, Laurie, was also treated at the hospital for rope burns.

Hunt noted that para-sailing near the pavilion is allowed.

"But I'm sure the Environmental Commission and the Parks Department will be looking into it," he said.

He added that the incident falls under the jurisdiction of the state environmental police, who will continue the investigation. As of now, no charges have been filed against Mitchell or Carusotto.

Hanger said that she observed the accident and that her 2-year-old granddaughter had also been knocked down. She also saw a man hit by the para-sailer, she said.

"People have no business with a parachute up there," she said. "The city and state put out all this money for a picnic and swimming area, and then this happens. Boats and parachutes don't mix in the same water side by side."

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Burbank Park beach to be opened early

PITTSFIELD — Weather permitting, the Burbank Park beach at Onota Lake will be open Memorial Day and on weekends until July 1, the official opening date for the city's beaches.

Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan briefly detailed the plan at a meeting of the commission last night.

An early opening of the beach was suggested at a budget hearing in City Hall last week by City Councilor James M. Boyle of Ward 6.

In a telephone interview last night, Boyle said that discussions with Mayor Edward M. Reilly led to the conclusion that there is enough money in the Parks Department's current budget to pay lifeguards for the holiday and weekend duty.

Boyle estimated that it will cost \$300 to \$500 to pay lifeguards for the holiday and four weekends.

"I see no reason to wait, especially since we're trying to promote tourism, and it's nice to have as many facilities open as possible," Boyle said.

5-18-93

Help is on the way for Onota

As bothersome as weed growth and shoreline erosion have become at Onota Lake, there is hope on the horizon. Not only is there a plan to provide a sewer line for the Blythewood Drive houses on the lake (which should reduce the flow of weed "nutrients" into Onota), but the state also plans to rebuild the weakened lake dam. Once this is done, the city will be able to resume the practice of having annual winter drawdowns, which both limit erosion and hold down weed growth. In the meantime, the plan to repair the access road from Lakeway Drive to the boat-access ramp in Burbank Road should improve public enjoyment of the lake.

7-30-93

Pittsfield band concert series to open Sunday

PITTSFIELD — The Eagles Band, "the official band of the City of Pittsfield," will revive the outdoor band concert tradition in Pittsfield at Onota Lake's Burbank Park this summer. The Concert In The Park series will be held on three consecutive Sundays, July 25, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for Aug. 15. Concerts will be located on the lawn between the Controy Pavilion and the new beach house. Admission is free, and concertgoers are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The Eagles Band is conducted by Lyndon Moors. Moors holds a bachelor of music degree from Boston University and teaches instrumental music at Mt. Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown.

The concert programs will consist of marches, overtures, show tunes, and light classics, in the popular tradition of the American town band. This summer's concert series is sponsored in part by Pittsfield G.E. Employees Credit Union, Country Curtains, and the Recording Industry's Music Performance Trust Funds, in cooperation with American Federation of Musicians Local 109.

The Eagles Band is celebrating its 57th season. The band originated in Pittsfield in 1936, and can trace its history to the early 20th century. The Eagles Band draws its membership from local professional musicians, as well as accomplished adult and student musicians. The band is the ceremonial band for Williams College, and has recently become a non-profit corporation.

Onota Lake beach to open on Thursday

PITTSFIELD — A sure sign that summer is officially here is word from the Department of Parks and Recreation that the Onota Beach swimming area will open Thursday morning.

Lifeguards will be on duty from 10 to 6 daily. The supervised swimming area will remain open until Sunday, Aug. 15.

There are no lifeguards at the Pontoosuc Lake swimming area, which the city no longer operates because of costs.

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Lakeside lullaby

A content concert-goer enjoyed the sun while listening to the Eagles Band perform this weekend at Burbank Park. The band will conclude its series of three free lakeside concerts Sunday at 1 p.m.

Pontoosuc bathhouse at center of debate

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Years ago, the Pontoosuc Lake bathhouse was part of the scene for some of the most fun in Pittsfield. Before backyard pools and recreational facilities became popular, going to the lake was what everyone did in the summer.

But the lake is now infested with weeds, its shoreline around the public beach is destroyed, and some say even the bathhouse is becoming a dangerous eyesore.

The Board of Park Commissioners wants the building declared surplus property and torn down.

"It's falling apart and it's dangerous," said Clifford J. Nilan, chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners. "It would probably cost about \$40,000 to get it back into shape."

But the City Council has said not so fast.

"I'm opposed," said Ward 7 Councilor Joseph O. Guzzo, who last summer fielded complaints from people using the lake who said there were no restrooms at the public beach. Guzzo said the building should be preserved at least for bathroom facilities.

Ward 6 City Councilor James M. Boyle agreed.

"What are their plans?" he wondered, referring to the park commissioners. "Are they going to replace the building or sell it?"

he asked.

"We need some kind of facility there," Boyle said, recommending that the issue be referred to the City Council's Public Buildings Committee, which has not met once since the Edward M. Reilly administration took over two years ago, and probably for several years before that.

The committee only meets when business is referred to it from the City Council, as happened last Tuesday night.

Nilan said he will be happy to sit down with the members to explain the situation surrounding the Pontoosuc bathhouse.

The bottom line, he said, is that the Board of Park Commissioners does not now have the money to restore the bathhouse, and did not have the money to keep it open last year so that people could use the bathrooms. Though it does not look as though the parks budget is going to increase anytime soon, Nilan said that his board has not given up all hope on the public beach.

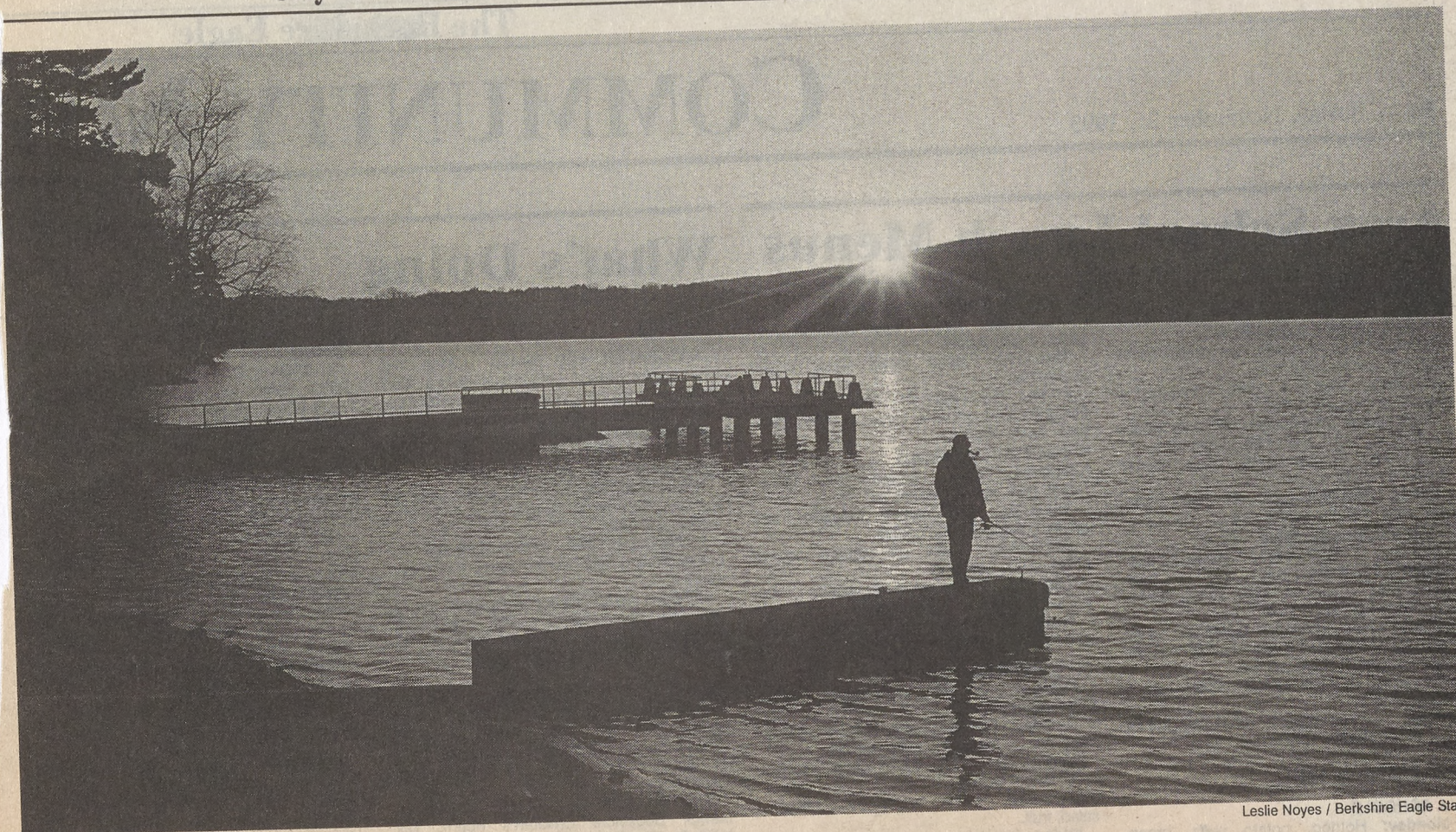
"We're looking into other alternatives for a swimming beach," the chairman said, refusing an invitation to be more specific about the future plans.

But in the meantime, he said, once the bathhouse is removed, the commission would investigate the possibility of using portable toilets at the public beach next summer.

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Just fishin'

A lone fisherman casts at sunset from the dock of Onota Lake.

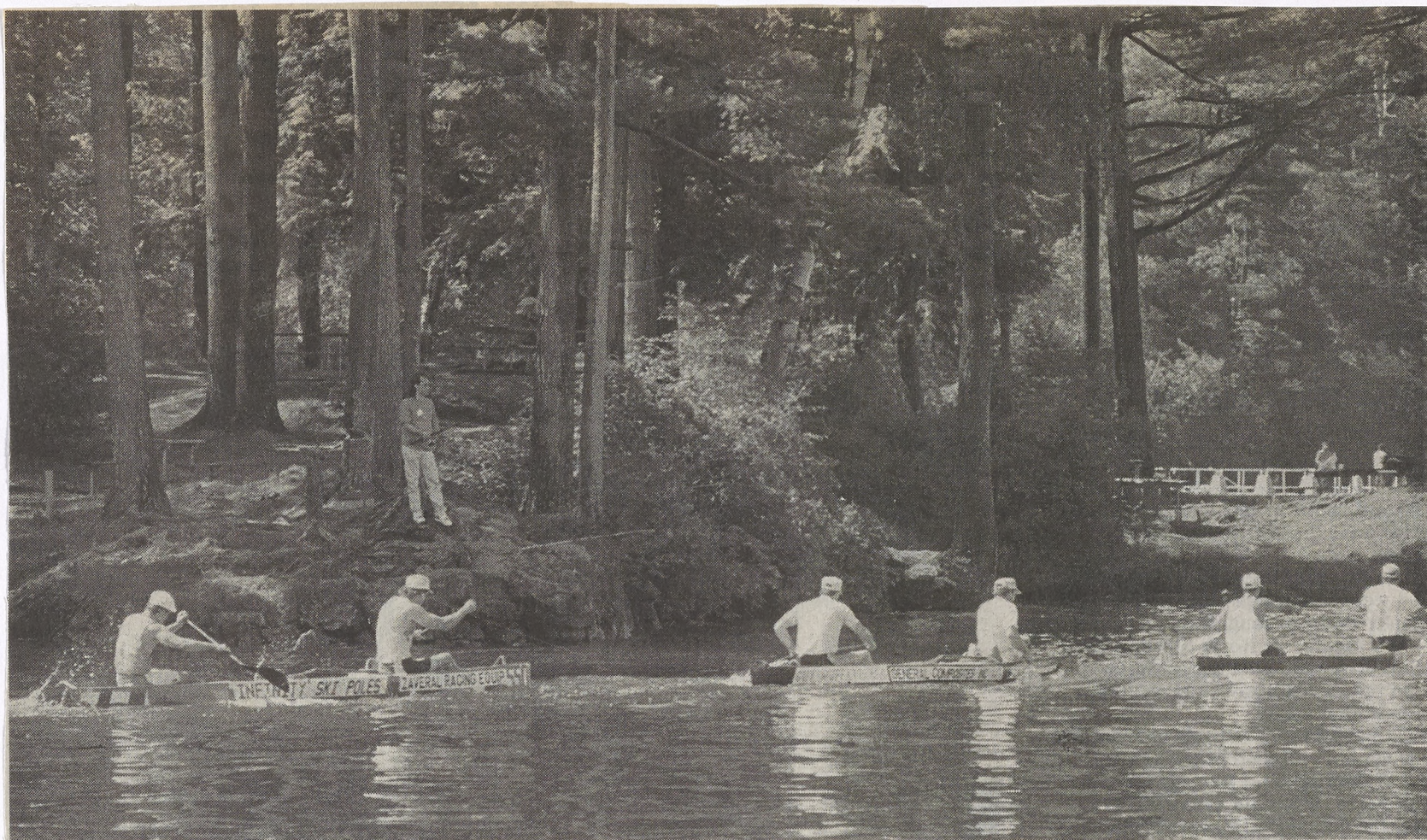


Photo by Mark Mitchell

Paddle Power

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The third annual Wild Goose Chase canoe races were held yesterday at Onota Lake in Pittsfield. These competitors

are rounding Burbank Park. Story, other photos on pages C1 and C4.

WILD
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Pittsfield schedules planning meeting on Pitt Park projects

By Donna B. Mattoon
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — A neighborhood meeting to plan improvements for Pitt Playground will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Conte Community School meeting room.

The purpose of the session is to gather information from people in the neighborhood about the current use of the playground, problems that may exist and its potential for future use, said Robert S. Mellace, community development specialist with the Office of Community and Economic Development.

The results of the meeting will be used to develop strategies and some project ideas for the playground, he said.

Some \$85,000 will be spent on the playground over the next several months, Mellace continued. The final plans ought to be done by the middle of June, the project put out to bid by the middle of July, the contract awarded by the end of August and construction begun right after Labor Day.

"We are also hoping that the improvements will be more than just physical," he said, adding that he hopes that a group will emerge from within the neighborhood that will oversee the operation of the playground and keep tabs on safety and cleanup.

"We hope that the neighborhood will rally around Pitt Playground and provide more uses for it," Mellace said.

5-18-93

Pittsfield parks to host series of tournaments

PITTSFIELD — A series of tournaments will be staged next week at the four supervised parks in the city.

On Monday, a wiffle ball tournament will take place at the Common with Clapp Park facing the Common team at 9:30 and Pitt Park meeting Deming Park at 10:45.

On Tuesday, a Pillow Polo tournament is scheduled for Pitt, with Pitt and Clapp facing off at 9:30 and Deming and the Common meeting at 10:45.

On Thursday, a kickball tournament at Deming will begin at 9:30 with a game between Clapp and Deming. A 10:45 game between the Common and Pitt will follow.

On Friday, a prison ball tournament at Clapp will begin at 9:30, with Deming facing the Common. At 10:15, Pitt will challenge Clapp.

7-8-93

Playgrounds

PITTSFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION, 874 North St., Pittsfield. 499-9344. 4 staffed playgrounds throughout city including special needs playground; supervised games, arts and crafts, sports and special events. Life guards on duty at Onota lake.

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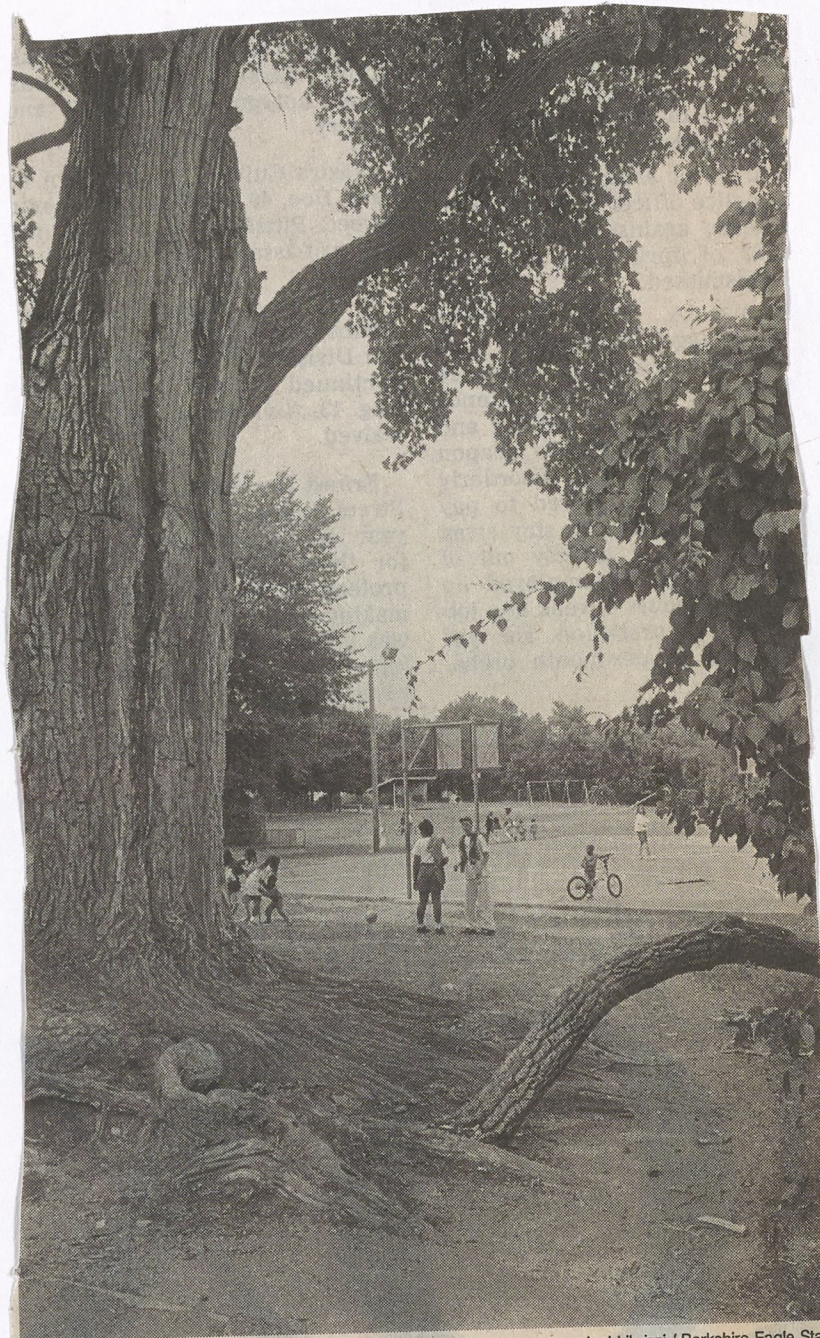


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Slow start

Park supervisors Sam Clapper and Tatiana Goclowski were ready for action at the First Street Common yesterday afternoon, but there were no kids in sight. They said about 10 children had come earlier in the day to play games, including kickball and caroms. The city's playground program opened yesterday. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 to noon and 1 to 5, until July 30.

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Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Tree platform

The fall of a limb from a tree at the Columbus Avenue entrance of Pitt Park yesterday has prompted a call for the tree's removal from Barbara Hanger, a candidate for the Ward 6 City Council seat. She said she has 'an emotional attachment' to the tree, but believes that it presents a danger to park users. Also, said Hanger, drug dealers 'have been known to hide behind there and do business.'

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**Second session
 scheduled on
 Pitt Playground**

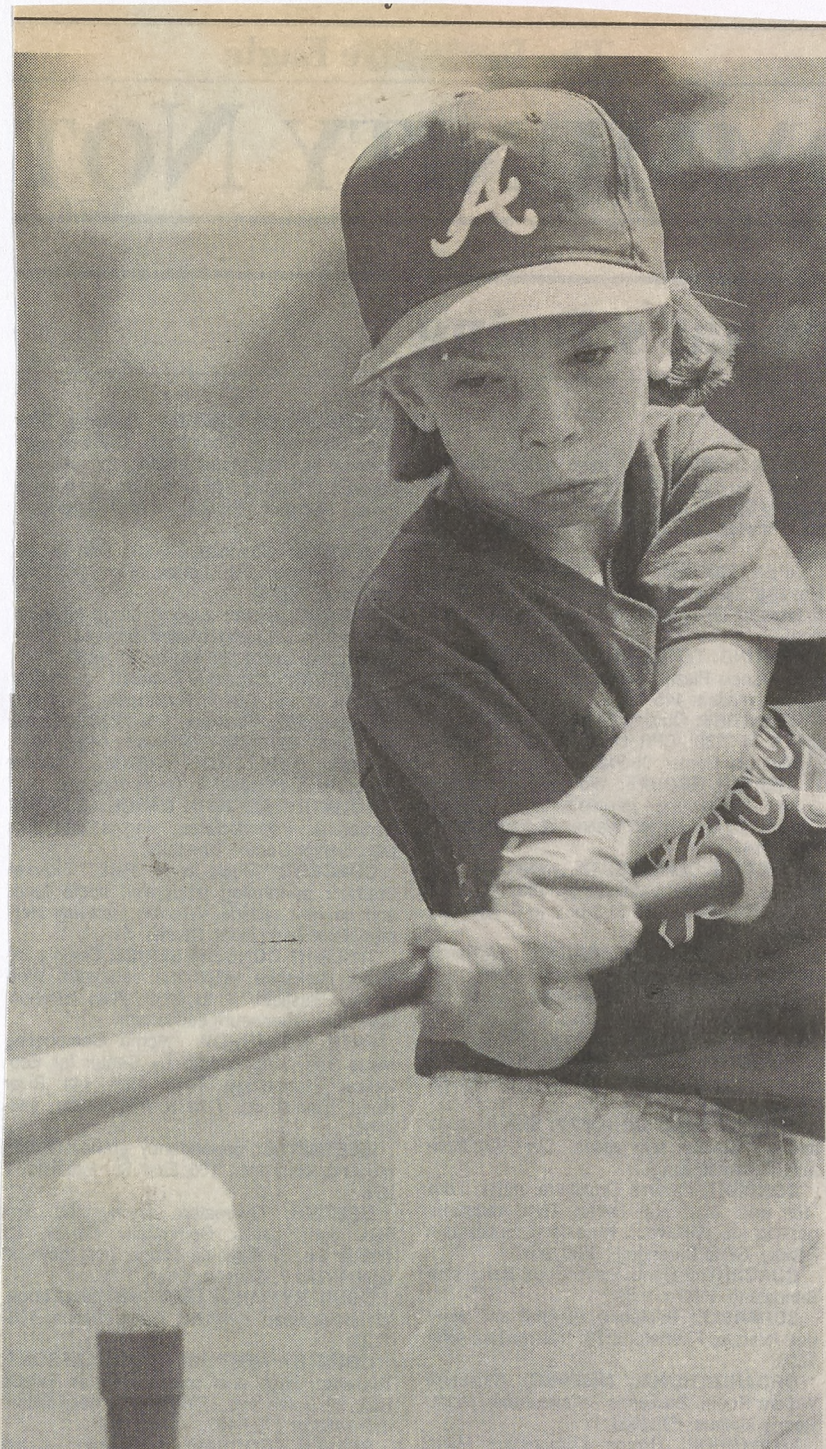
PITTSFIELD — The second in a series of three neighborhood meetings to plan improvements to Pitt Playground will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Conte Community School Cafeteria, according to an announcement from City Hall.

The purpose of the session is to review preliminary plans and cost estimates that have been developed by Bradley Architects based on neighborhood input from the first meeting.

Comments during Thursday's meeting will assist the city in prioritizing the proposed improvements.

According to Robert S. Mellace, community development specialist with the department of Community Development, interested persons who were not able to attend the first meeting are being encouraged to attend and provide their input before final plans are developed in the next stage.

Representatives from the Park Commission and Police Department will also attend to address relevant issues.



Craig F. Walker / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Eye on the ball

6/30/93
 Stefanie Whalen, 9, is all business as she practices her swing at the Catholic Youth Center's fourth annual girls' softball camp on the First Street Common yesterday.



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Going head-to-head

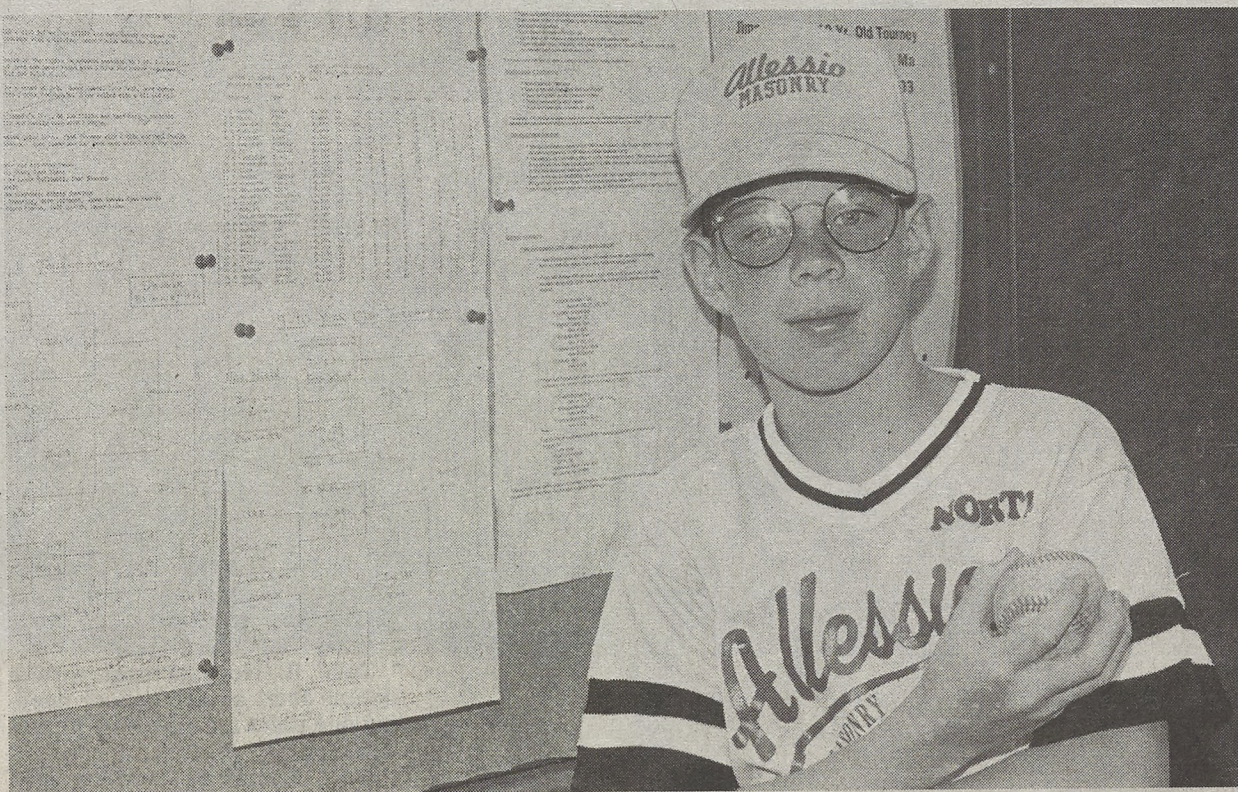
7/9/93
 Nine-year-old Scot Johnston, left, and 11-year-old Kyle Adriance appear headed toward a meeting of the minds as they climb on a swing set at Clapp Park.

Pittsfield 7/3/93
**playgrounds
 opening July 6**

PITTSFIELD — The summer playground season run by the Department of Recreation will begin on Tuesday, July 6.

Four city playgrounds will be open and supervised from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The programs will take place at Clapp Park, Pitt Park, Deming Park and the Common. They will continue through Friday, July 30.

The programs will include a variety of sports, arts and crafts, and nature, which will coincide with a specific theme each week. Special events will also be featured throughout the season.



Photos by Bob McDonough / Berkshire Eagle Staff

He wears glasses and weighs only 96 pounds, but Alessio Masonry pitcher Dave Goldenberg has fired three straight shutouts, giving up only one hit in the Pittsfield North Little League.

Goldenberg keeps zeroing in

Perfect game is latest gem for North LL pitching ace

By Bob McDonough
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — Even with his lucky dime, Dave Goldenberg is going to find it tough to continue this string of improvement.

Three weeks ago, the 12-year-old right-hander for Alessio Masonry in the North Little League pitched a one-hitter with 12 strikeouts, beating the Elks 1-0 even though opponent Jason Fields pitched a no-hitter.

Two weeks ago, Goldenberg fired a no-hitter, striking out 10 in a 1-0 win over Dave's Sporting Goods, spoiling a three-hitter by Dave's Chris Burke.

Couldn't get any better, right? Wrong.

Last week, the 5-foot-tall, 96-pound Reid Middle School 7th grader fired a perfect game, striking out 16 of the 18 batters he faced in Alessio's 4-0 win over Colt Insurance.

"I like pitching. You're in charge of the game and you make all the decisions," said the soft-spoken, bespectacled son of Philip and Sue Goldenberg of 101 Asci Drive.

Praise from coach

"He's really smooth, he's got good mechanics, he's strong for his size and he's got great control," said Tom Alessio, who has been Goldenberg's Little League coach for the past three seasons. "I've seen other kids who are bigger or faster, but as far as the mechanics go, he's the best I've seen."

Goldenberg, also an avid skier and golfer, started pitching in the North Minor League when he was 8. He entered Little League the next year, and started pitching as a 10-year-old, when he made the league's 10-year-old all-star team. He's been on the regular all-star team the last two seasons.

"I remember the first time he came in," his dad recalled. "It was against Fire Department with the bases loaded, with one out, and he struck the next two kids out."

Strikeouts have been coming in bunches for Goldenberg, who has surrendered only six runs in eight games, mounting a 6-2



Dave Goldenberg

His lucky dime helped bring two straight no-hitters.

pitching record after losing his first two games. Combining speed with pinpoint control, he has 88 strikeouts in 38 innings, walking only eight. He also bats third for Alessio, and is hitting .333.

"You've got to have a quick bat when he pitches, because he's the fastest in the league," said Chris Burke of Dave's Sporting Goods.

The stunning streak

Burke knows what he's talking about. He's the one who tossed a three-hitter against Goldenberg, only to come out as the losing pitcher in the first no-hitter.

That no-hitter came one game after the city's most dramatic game of the season, when Goldenberg and the Elks' Jason Fields hooked up in a duel that was a double no-hitter until the final batter of the game. Fields gave up an unearned run, and finished with a no-hitter and 13 strikeouts despite taking the loss. Goldenberg struck out 12, and still had his no-hitter intact until the final batter came up, and it was Fields.

In true Wade Boggs dramatic style, Fields fouled off about a

half-dozen pitches and worked the count to 3-2 before he drilled a grounder past second base to break up the no-hitter.

"Coach Alessio said to throw him a curve, and gave the signal, but I didn't see it," said Goldenberg, who threw a fastball that Fields belted.

There was no such disappointment in last week's game, when Goldenberg took care of most of the business himself, striking out 16 of 18 batters. The only fair balls were grounders handled by shortstop Mike Stubbs and first baseman Ed Bigelow.

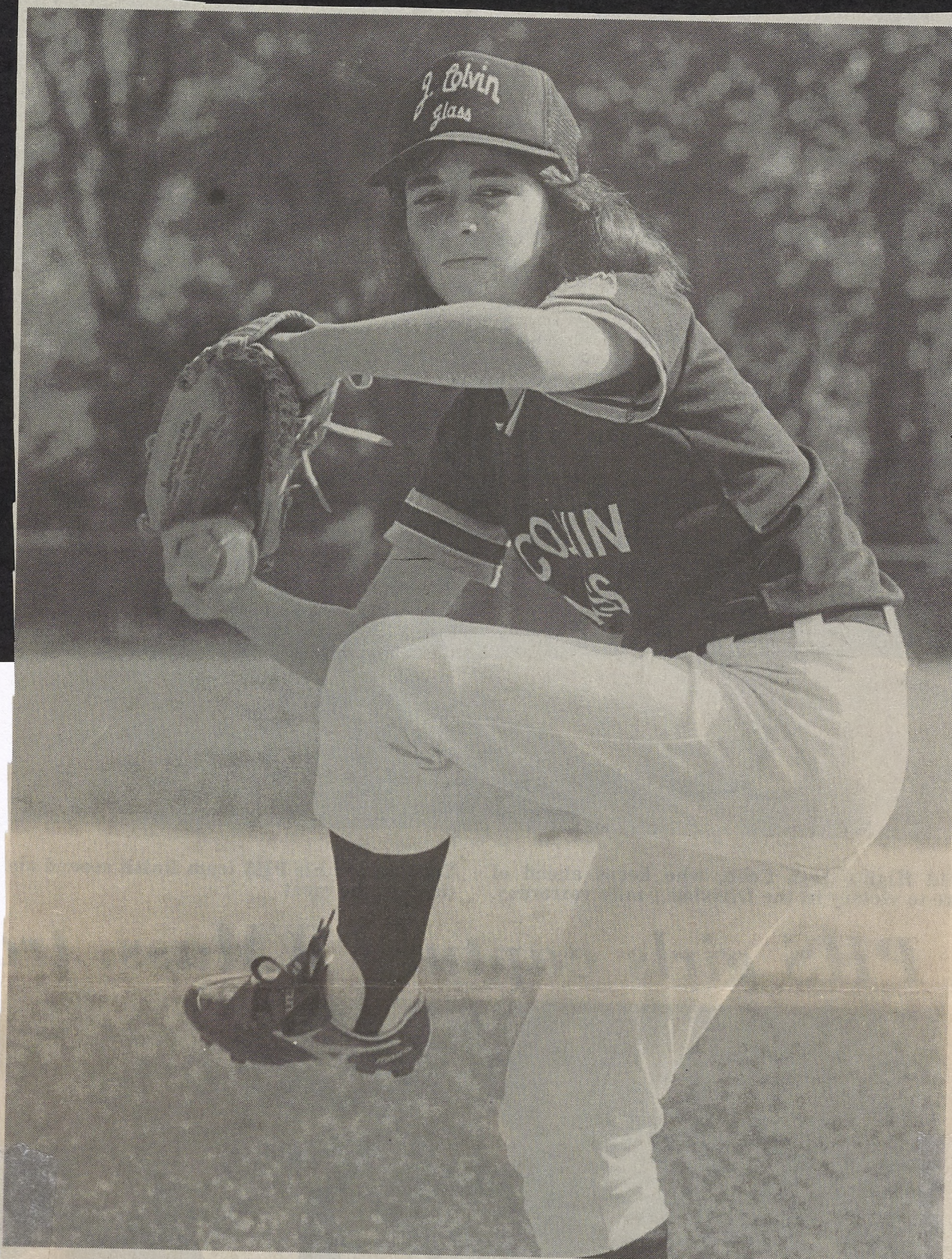
Goldenberg offers much of the credit to his catcher, Todd Borletto.

"He seems to find the hitters' weak spots and sets up in the right spot," Goldenberg said. "He'll set up on the corners and give me a good target."

And then there's the lucky dime.

"I found it at Fenway Park on a seat and it's always been lucky for me," Goldenberg said of the 1966 dime. "I always wear it in my shoe."

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Photos by Bob McDonough / Berkshire Eagle Staff

The girl to watch in the North Little League is J. Colvin Glass pitcher Karen Carlo, who has a 14-strikeout no-hitter among her three victories.

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For Colvin, it's K.C. at the bat and also K.C. on the mound

West Little League's Karen Carlo adds no-hitter to her list

By Bob McDonough
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD — First of all, the answer is no, Karen Carlo is not some grow-too-young Amazon who shot past all the boys her age and now overpowers them in sports.

She is just your average size 12-year-old honor student with a nasty fastball that so far has baffled the opposition in the Pittsfield West Little League.

Don't believe it? Go over to Clapp Park and ask the guys on Civitan, one of the best teams in the league, which was the victim last week when Carlo pitched a no-hitter for her J. Colvin Glass team, striking out 14 in a 5-0 victory.

A lucky night? Nope. In her other two starts this season, the Reid Middle School 7th grader struck out nine and 10, pitching a two-hitter and a three-hitter.

"She right now is the most dominant pitcher in our league," crowed Joe Lipa, who is proud to be one of the coaches of Carlo's team.

No other girl starters

Not only is Carlo the most dominant pitcher in the West League. Oddly, in these days of widespread athletic equality, the talented right-hander is the only girl in the city who is a starting pitcher in any of the three Little Leagues.

The daughter of William and Ellen Carlo of Eleanor Road, Karen is also an all-star guard in the CYC girls' basketball program in the winter and a halfback and all-star goalie in the YMCA soc-



Karen Carlo
She also bats cleanup

cer program in the fall. Her dad grew up playing in the West Little League, as did her brother, Brian, now a junior who plays on the Taconic baseball team.

Karen's favorite sport is basketball, but it's baseball that is bringing her notoriety at the moment. She started playing in the Pittsfield Minor League at age 8, then entered the Little League at 9. She played a little outfield when she was 9 and 10, then last year became Colvin's regular first baseman. This year, she got her chance to pitch.

"I was a pitcher in Minor League, but that was just step and throw," said Carlo, who's Little League delivery is as

smooth as they come. She credits her dad with teaching her the mechanics of pitching.

"My ball moves a little bit, but mostly I go for the fastball," the Colvin ace said.

"She's a wristy pitcher, not your classic style," Lipa said. "The ball tends to come straight down on the batter."

Has unusual control

Her pitches might move, but they don't stray far from the strike zone, Lipa said.

"She's pitched in five games and walked five people," Lipa said. "That's almost impossible in Little League. We get five in an inning in some games in Little League."

The no-hitter

She had everything going for her in the game against Civitan. She struck out 14, including the final batter of the game, but the no-hitter didn't come that easily. She has to give a tip of the cap to right fielder John Lien, who made a spectacular running catch down the line on a ball hit by Jason Frazier with runners on first and third in the fifth inning, preserving the no-hitter and the shutout.

Frazier had a tough night all around. One of the league's top players, he pitched a two-hitter and struck out 12, only to take a loss.

By the way, one of the hits off Frazier was by Colvin's top hitter, the cleanup batter. Guess who? One hint: The cleanup hitter has longer hair than most of her teammates.

Fishing derbies slated at Wild Acres

PITTSFIELD — Fishing season at Wild Acres Pond off South Mountain Road opens this weekend with the annual derbies for children age 6-14 years. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Fishing for senior citizens will be May 4, 5, 24, 25 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., and for handicapped people, May 23 from 9 to 4. Also, there will be another children's derby June 5 from 10 to 3.

Bernard J. Goclowski, chairman of the Friends of Wild Acres, co-sponsor of the derbies with the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department, said the pond will be closed tomorrow and Monday for stocking trout purchased by the Friends.

On May 19 at 7:30 p.m., members of Taconic chapter, Trout Unlimited, will give a fly-casting demonstration. Year-round fishing at Wild Acres is restricted to children 6-14, Goclowski said.

4-29-93

Fishing derby youngsters catch 658 trout in 2 days

PITTSFIELD — The annual Wild Acres fishing derby for children attracted more than 500 boys and girls to the woodland recreation area off South Mountain Road last weekend. They caught 509 trout Saturday and 149 Sunday for a total of 658 for the two-day event.

The derby is sponsored jointly by the city's Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of Wild Acres, which solicits donations to pay for the purchase of trout and prizes.

Prizes were given to the first three boys and first three girls both days who caught tagged trout. The winners were: Josh Mullett, rod and reel; David Lancto, tackle box; John Dalmeyer, tackle box; Tawny Virgilio, rod and reel; Melissa Sokdowski, tackle box; Alyssa Supranowicz, tackle package.

Also, Jimmy Laramore, rod and reel; Greg Parsky, tackle box; T.J. Bowler, hat; Melissa Ouellette, rod and reel; Christina Ferriere, tackle box; Mary Mattox, rod and reel.

5-9-93

Springside Greenhouse Group holding 26th open house

PITTSFIELD — The Springside Greenhouse Group has announced that its 26th annual open house has been scheduled for Sunday, March 28, from 10 to 4 at 874 North St.

This year's event was organized by Lawrence Daoust and Louise Cianflone. The theme, "Spring Around the World," is illustrated by a mosaic world map center-

piece and world dioramas painted by local artists. Completing the scene is an array of plants grown by group members for a judged competition.

A gala preview party and plant judging, by invitation only, will take place Saturday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. Some of the plants will be available for sale, but the major plant sale will be in May. 3-19-93

Garden group sets annual open house

The Springside Greenhouse Group will hold its 26th annual open house at 874 North Street on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's theme is "Spring Around The World" illustrated by a world map mosaic and four regional windows on Asia, Europe, Tropics and Desert. Local artists painted backgrounds for each window while the Berkshires are represented by a large waterfall and pool. 3-25-93

Springside plant sale is set for May 15-16

PITTSFIELD — The Springside Greenhouse Group has timed its annual plant sale to coincide with the traditional spring display of tulips in Springside Park. The sale will take place on Saturday, May 15, and Sunday, May 16, from 10 to 4.

The tulip display has been enhanced by the replanting of two beds last fall by the Greenhouse Group with bulbs of brighter colors.

Plants for sale include fuchsias, geraniums, impatiens and perennials. A number of new plant selections are being offered this year.

Visitor parking is available in the main Parks Department lot at 874 North St. 5-10-93



Photos by Joel Librizzi / Berkshire Eagle Staff

Greenhouse in effect

The Springside Greenhouse Group is hosting its 26th annual open house Sunday from 10 to 4, with 'Spring Around the World' as its theme. In photo above, organizers and producers Louise Cianflone and Lawrence Daoust apply finishing touches to a waterfall exhibit. At right, an exhibit titled 'Window On Asia,' features a sculpted figure. The event at the Springside House, 874 North St., is free and open to the public.



